

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 14 TO NOVEMBER 22

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Saturday	Nov 14	
4:00 pm	Maria Brancati Castiglione	The Castiglione Family
5:00 pm (Hall)	Sick of the Parish	
Sunday	Nov 15	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral	Maria G. Cabral
Monday	Nov 16	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
9:30 am (Hall)	Fr. John Walsh	St. Thomas à Becket Parish
Tuesday	Nov 17	
8:30 am	Ponciana & Domingo Jipos	Lourdes Jipos
9:30 am (Hall)	Mary Taillon	Anna Donald
Wednesday	Nov 18	
8:30 am	Janice Babb	Maria G. Cabral
9:30 am (Hall)	Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday	Nov 19	
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	The Family
9:30 am (Hall)	For the Sick	
Friday	Nov 20	
8:30 am	Magdalena Nitti & Vincenzo Saluzzi	Michelle Figueredo & family
10:30 am (Hall)	Mary Taillon	Nicole & Terry Muise
Saturday	Nov 21	
4:00 pm	Diane O'Connell	Claire Hayes
5:00 pm (Hall)		
Sunday	Nov 22	Christ the King
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mel McAllindon	The Grant Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Nov 15: Atwell De Souza, requested by Anna Donald

Nov 22: Kathleen Rush Heald (L), requested by Anna Donald

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Fr. John Walsh.*

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

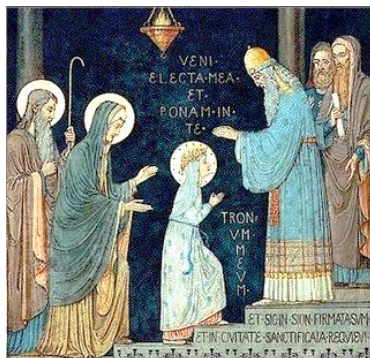
2020-2021 MISSALS are available for sale in the Narthex before Mass hours. (See above). \$5.00. Please bring exact change.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV 7/8

Offerings: \$4, 851.00

Helping Others: \$690.00

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY, November 21

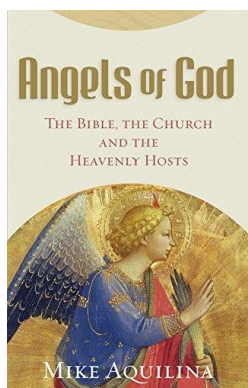


This feast is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Miriam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him. Mary had already been chosen by God, preserved by a singular grace as a chosen vessel through whom the Incarnate Word would be given for the salvation of the whole world. However, the offering by her parents is a response to the invitation to join our free choice to God' invitation. This exercise of freedom lies at the heart of discipleship, and is

the inner core of every vocation, to cooperate with grace. St. Augustine says of this Feast: "Stretching out his hand over his disciples, the Lord Christ declared: Here are my mother and my brothers; anyone who does the will of my Father who sent me is my brother and my sister and my mother. I would urge you to ponder these words. Did the Virgin Mary, who believed by faith and conceived by faith, who was the chosen one from whom our Saviour was born among men, who was created by Christ before Christ was created in her - did she not do the will of the Father?" Indeed, the blessed Mary certainly did the Father's will, and so it was for her a greater thing to have been Christ's disciple than to have been his mother, and she was more blessed in her discipleship than in her motherhood. Hers was the happiness of first bearing in her womb him whom she would obey as her master." This feast emphasizes our response to God's gifts. We remember the response of Mary's mother and father in their decision to present her in the temple for dedication to the Lord. All parents are called to imitate their response by presenting their children for Baptism.

~ *Deacon Keith Fournier*

WORTHWHILE READING



Angels of God: The Bible, the Church and the Heavenly Hosts by Mike Aquilina

Angels are everywhere—as a matter of fact, right at your side. Forget the sweet-faced cherubs of popular culture, however, and brace yourself for a far more potent reality: powerful heavenly beings who play a significant role in the personal drama of daily life—your life. Aquilina has a deceptively accessible style, humble without being self-deprecating. His thinking delves into heady and deep waters, but his writing remains calm and clear. Aquilina has a gift for making angelology, a layered, complex subject, easy to grasp while honoring his reader's intellect.

MASS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

At 3:00 pm on Wednesday, you can begin signing up (include your phone number after your name) for this weekend's and next week's daily **Masses** at <https://reopen.church/r/edidK17B> or via the parish website: www.becket.ca.

Do let us know if you need to cancel.

For those unable to secure a spot at Sunday Mass and who watch our Mass online, **Holy Communion** will be available on the apron of the church, just outside the main door, at **12:30 pm SHARP** on Sunday.

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday: Mass in church @ 8:30; Mass in hall @ 9:30

Friday: Mass in church @ 8:30, followed by Holy Hour; Mass in hall @ **10:30**

Saturday: Mass in church @ 4:00; Mass in hall @ 5:00

Sunday: Mass in church @ 9:00 and 11:00

The **Rosary** is prayed following the 9:30 Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The **Novena** to our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed following the 8:30 Mass on Tuesdays.

HERE'S A QUESTION



Christ said in the Gospel of Matthew (23:9) "Call no man on earth your father; for one is your Father, who is in heaven." But we call Catholic priests "Father"?

This is one of those “garden variety” objections to Catholicism that come up so often. Like many such contra-Catholic arguments, it seems to have a plausibility at first glance. But upon closer examination, the alleged difficulty vanishes. As is frequently the case, this “argument” hinges on an ignorance of different forms or genres of language in the Bible, and the importance of context. Critics of the Catholic Church frequently misunderstand both factors. Jesus was simply using the common Hebrew teaching method of *exaggeration* or *hyperbole*. This is common in, for example, the book of Proverbs. Here are several other instances of the same sort of thing:

Matthew 18:9 “And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.”

Luke 14:26 “If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”

Jesus was making the point that God the Father is the ultimate source of all authority. He said this during the course of rebuking the Pharisees for spiritual pride (Mt 23:2-10). Those who try to reason in this way neglect to see that it would prohibit *all* uses of the word *father* whatsoever; even *biological* fathers. Since that is an absurd outcome, it is clear that the statement cannot be taken in an absolute sense. It's a standard rule in hermeneutics (the interpretation of Scripture) that we interpret less clear passages of the Bible in light of clearer passages. This is a classic case. What seemed so simple at first is shown to be a more complex, hyperbolic saying that can't possibly be taken literally, in light of related scriptural data. Jesus couldn't contradict Himself, nor could His apostles blatantly disregard or be unfamiliar with His teaching (right in inspired Scripture!). Therefore, the objection to calling Catholic priests *father* must be discarded, as a thoroughly misguided ‘non-starter.’

~ **By Dave Armstrong**

LOYOLA HIGH SEEKS NEW PRESIDENT Loyola High School is seeking an experienced, collaborative, Ignatian leader for the position of **President**. To view a detailed position description and to apply, visit loyola.ca. Founded in 1896, Loyola High School is a Catholic, Jesuit, all-boys university preparatory school in Montreal. As Loyola approaches its 125th year steeped in tradition, we are seeking a new president with eyes on the future.



**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

There is plenty of data showing the positive effects of religious faith. For example, people who worship regularly are more likely to get married and stay married, thus providing stable and happier homes for their children and less burden to society. Faith is associated with better mental health and less substance abuse.

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021)	620-6643	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Children's Liturgy	Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Weekday Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	620-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Seniors:	Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath