

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 28

Saturday	Feb 20	
4:00 pm	Mary Taillon	Becket's Knight's of Columbus
5:15 pm	Walter Brandt	Dawn & Gerry Richardson
Sunday	Feb 21	First Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Cecile Blais Barbeau	Christine Louis-Seize
Monday	Feb 22	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Family
9:30 am	Maureen Kelly	Priska & Paul Meier
Tuesday	Feb 23	
8:30 am	Linda Fernandes	Ron & Joy Pinto
9:30 am	Sick of the Parish	
Wednesday	Feb. 24	
8:30 am	Guglielmo & Adele Bertoli	Their Children
9:30 am	Healthcare Workers	
Thursday	Feb 25	
8:30 am	Youth of the Parish	
9:30 am	Our Political Leaders	
Friday	Feb 26	
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush Heald	Dawn & Gerry
9:30 am	Vocations to the Priesthood	
Saturday	Feb 27	
4:00 pm	Our Parishioners	
5:15 pm	Walter Brandt	Priska & Paul Meier
Sunday	Feb 28	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Albert Shomali	Carole & Kevin Shanahan
11:00 am	Josephine & Jean Gurulian	Marie Gurulian

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 21: Mildred Hueppin, requested by Margaret & Leslie Lobo

February 28: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by the family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Anna Maria Capozzi*, wife of Alexander Kapsch, mother of Alessia and Matthew Kapsch; *Guy Taillon*, husband of the late Mary, father of Nathalie, Daniel & Francis. *Genowefa Gazda*, mother of Wanda Latkowska.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 13/14

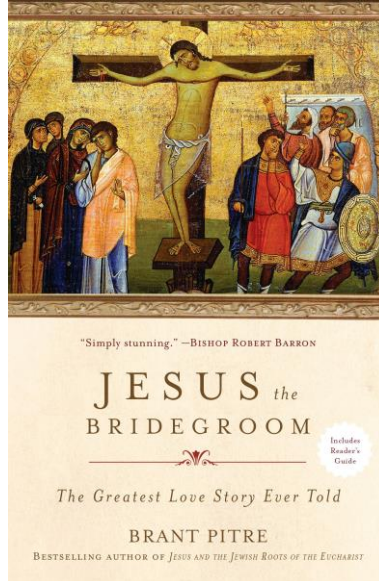
Offerings: \$ 4962.70 Religious Education: \$290.00

Next special collection - February 28 - Building Maintenance Fund

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT? “If you are wondering what penance to take up for Lent, I suggest this one: be joyful, happy, and to thank God all the time. Nothing will do you as much good as that. You might go so far as to say that when our hearts remain constantly in the act of thanksgiving, evil has no more hold on them. For in a grateful heart there is no longer any room for rancour, blame, unpleasantness, jealousy, and all the rest. Our hearts, remaining pure, are able to perceive God’s action.”
~ *Fr. Jacques Philippe*

WORTHWHILE READING

Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told by Brant Pitre



In this bestselling follow-up to *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, Brant Pitre once again taps into the wells of Jewish Scripture and tradition, and unlocks the secrets of what is arguably the most well-known symbol of the Christian faith: the cross of Christ. In this thrilling exploration, Pitre shows how the suffering and death of Jesus was far more than a tragic Roman execution. Instead, the Passion of Christ was the fulfillment of ancient Jewish prophecies of a *wedding*, when the God of the universe would wed himself to humankind in an everlasting nuptial covenant. To be sure, most Christians are familiar with the apostle Paul’s teaching that Christ is the ‘Bridegroom’ and the Church is the ‘Bride’. But what does this really *mean*? And what would ever possess

Paul to compare the death of Christ to the love of a husband for his wife? If you would have been at the Crucifixion, with Jesus hanging there dying, is that how *you* would have described it? How could a first-century Jew like Paul, who knew how brutal Roman crucifixions were, have ever compared the execution of Jesus to a wedding? And why does he refer to this as the “great mystery” (Ephesians 5:32)? As Pitre shows, the key to unlocking this mystery can be found by going back to Jewish Scripture and tradition and seeing the entire history of salvation, from Mount Sinai to Mount Calvary, as *a divine love story* between Creator and creature, between God and Israel, between Christ and his bride—a story that comes to its climax on the wood of a Roman cross. In the pages of *Jesus the Bridegroom*, dozens of familiar passages in the Bible—the Exodus, the Song of Songs, the Wedding at Cana, the Woman at the Well, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and even the Second Coming at the End of Time—are suddenly transformed before our eyes. Indeed, when seen in the light of Jewish Scripture and tradition, the life of Christ is nothing less than the greatest love story ever told.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE TAX RECEIPTS?



Our bookkeeper, Elizabeth Barroso, is offering several options during this pandemic season.

Her coordinates are (514) 626-4111, ext. 226 or becketpad@gmail.com

- 1) Contact Elizabeth on Mondays or Tuesdays to have the receipt mailed or emailed.
- 2) Contact the parish office (Monday to Friday) to advise us you wish to pick up your receipt (514) 626-4111.
- 3) Pick up the receipt after Mass (they will be in the parish hall by the end of February).

THIS LENT, HERE'S ONE THING *NOT* TO GIVE UP



It's no coincidence that March is one of the two most popular months for divorce filings. (The other is August). If you find yourself in this position, I have a request that I would like you to take to prayer. Namely, this Lent, don't give up on your marriage. The truth is, marriage can be incredibly, terribly hard sometimes. We are all broken, sinful people. Sometimes the person we sin against the worst is our spouse. We fail to love each other as we deserve to be loved. We take each other for granted. We betray each other's trust. We hurt each

other in ways that only two people who know each other terrifically well can; deeply and personally.

Sometimes, marriage can seem like a real cross. But that insight can also be a source of real wisdom for how to move forward. By responding to the agonizing pain and rejection he felt on the cross with a miraculous outpouring of love, Jesus made the resurrection—and our salvation—possible. Without Christ's willingness to embrace the cross, there could be no honeymoon for the Bridegroom and his Bride.

So what? Jesus was God. We're not. What difference does any of this make to a married couple suffering in 2018?

Well, that's up to you. I'm not asking you to deny the real pain you are in. I'm not asking you to pretend that somehow your spouse deserves the heroic effort it would take to work out your issues. In fact, I'm sure they don't. I'm pretty confident that your marriage is every bit the disaster you think it is. What I am suggesting is that Jesus gave us a model for how to deal with this. He showed us what God can do when, despite all the very good reasons there are to the contrary, we embrace our cross all the way through. He showed us that when we unite the pain to his grace, a resurrection follows.

In addition, the science of marriage therapy has advanced tremendously in the last 20 years. If you work with a trained, marriage-friendly therapist (instead of an individual therapist who "does marriage therapy"), research shows that you have over a 95% chance of working through your issues. It won't be easy, but as one of those marriage-friendly therapists, I can tell you that not only is it possible, but that every single one of those couples who let me walk with them from their cross to their resurrection would tell you that it was worth it. Staying with it, embracing the cross, and doing the work that their transformation required ultimately led to a marriage that was more satisfying, supportive, and grace-filled than they imagined was possible.

Getting the right kind of help makes all the difference. If you have not worked with a trained marriage-friendly therapist who has supervised experience in doing marital therapy properly, you have not gotten the right kind of help. There is still reason to hope. Of course, if you or your children are being physically abused, you have an obligation to be safe. If that requires a separation, then the church certainly supports you. But almost anything short of that can be overcome with proper assistance. You can learn more about appropriate, marriage-friendly help from sites like The Pastoral Solutions Institute's Catholic tele-counseling practice (CatholicCounselors.com), or speak to your pastor.

No one gets married to get divorced. I know you didn't. And there are professionals who can help you through the long Lent you have been living and give you the skills you need to experience a resurrection of love, passion, and joy in your relationship once again. Please, let them help you.

There are many things you could give up this Lent. But I ask you, respectfully, for the sake of the promises you made at the altar, your children's well-being, and your own hopes and dreams, don't let your marriage be one of them.

~ By Dr. Gregory Popcak, Executive Director of the Pastoral Solutions Institute, an organization dedicated to helping Catholics find faith-filled solutions to tough marriage, family, and personal problems.

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