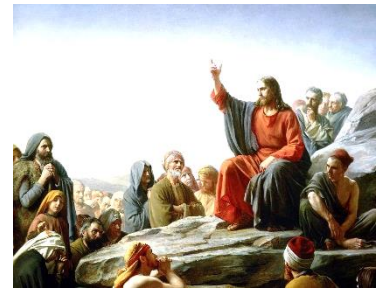


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 12 to FEBRUARY 20

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Saturday	Feb 12	
4:30 pm	Normand Talbot	Denise Williams
Sunday	Feb 13	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Elizabeth Joseph	Becket CWL
Monday	Feb 14	
8:30 am	Maddalena Nitti Saluzzi	Mary Saluzzi & family
Tuesday	Feb 15	
8:30 am	Margaret Keoughan-Guimond	Carol & David Boyd
Wednesday	Feb 16	
8:30 am	Genovefa Gazda	Children family & friends
Thursday	Feb 17	
8:30 am	Elizabeth Joseph	Anna Donald
Friday	Feb 18	
8:30 am	Josephine & Jean Gurulian	Marie Gurulian
Saturday	Feb 19	
	Patrick Guerrero Belmar	The Family
Sunday	Feb 20	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Rachela De Grazia	Her daughter

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 13: Genowefa Latkowska, requested by her family.

February 20: TBA

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Carole Raschella (née Demers), aunt of Elsa Rivera; *Carol Marolly*, wife of Julius, sister-in-law of Clayton; *Elaine Leclerc*, mother of Fr. Michael Leclerc

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 their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: The bereavement group resumes on the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month, February 15, in the parish hall. The meeting will be, exceptionally this month, at 8:00 (not the usual 7:00). All those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend the meeting, led by trained animator Bill Curran.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 6

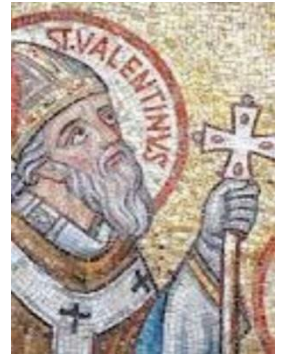
Offerings: \$2,710.00

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: 2021 tax receipts are being mailed out this year. If you have contributed in 2021 and do not receive a receipt within the next two weeks, it is because we do not have your address. If such is the case, please contact Elizabeth at (514) 626-4111, ext. 226, or becketbooks@gmail.com

A QUICK ST. VALENTINE'S QUIZ

St. Valentine was:

- a) a priest in the Roman Empire who helped persecuted Christians during the reign of Claudius II, was thrown in jail and later beheaded on Feb. 14.
- b) a Catholic bishop of Terni who was beheaded, also during the reign of Claudius II.
- c) someone who secretly married couples when marriage was forbidden, or suffered in Africa, or wrote letters to his jailer's daughter, and was probably beheaded.
- d) all, some, or possibly none of the above.



If you guessed (d), give yourself a box of chocolates. Although the mid-February holiday celebrating love and lovers remains wildly popular, the confusion over its origins led the Catholic Church, in 1969, to drop St. Valentine's Day from the Roman calendar of official, worldwide Catholic feasts. (Those highly sought-after days are reserved for saints with more clear historical record. After all, the saints are real individuals for us to imitate.) There were several St. Valentines, all of them martyrs, but the feast commemorates St. Valentine of Rome, but very little historical record remains. The roots of St. Valentine's Day lie in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was celebrated on February 15. For 800 years the Romans had dedicated this day to the god Lupercus. On Lupercalia, a young man would draw the name of a young woman in a lottery and would then keep the woman as a com-panion for the year.

Pope Gelasius I was, understandably, less than thrilled with this custom. So he changed the lottery to have both young men and women draw the names of saints whom they would then emulate for the year. Instead of Lupercus, the patron of the feast became Valentine. For Roman men, the day continued to be an occasion to seek the affections of women, and it became a tradition to give out handwritten messages of admiration that included Valentine's name.

There was also a conventional belief in Europe during the Middle Ages that birds chose their partners in the middle of February. Thus the day was dedicated to love, and people observed it by writing love letters and sending small gifts to their beloved. Legend has it that Charles, duke of Orleans, sent the first real Valentine card to his wife in 1415, when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London: "Right reverent and worshipful and my right well-beloved valentine, I recommend me unto you full heartedly, desiring to hear of your welfare, which I beseech Almighty God to preserve unto his pleasure and your hearts desire."

Saint Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate the happy bonds of Christian love and service to the Lord. Take a moment to thank the Lord for the love in your life, or to ask Him to show you the direction towards that love—be it married, single, priest or consecrated religious, and to do it like St. Valentine did—in steadfast fidelity to Jesus Christ.

HERE'S A QUESTION

If God already knows our future and what we will choose, then what's the point?

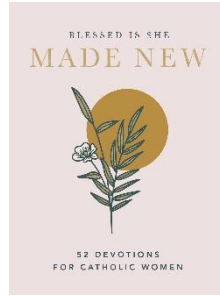


The question regarding God's foreknowledge and our free will is one of the most vexing to puzzle Christian theologians, and it was one of the fundamental issues leading to the breakup of Christianity during the Protestant Reformation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he includes in it each person's free response to his grace" (No. 600). In its simplest terms, this means God provides grace sufficient to save a soul, but this grace has no effect if an individual refuses to cooperate with it. We conclude this because our faith teaches (1) God has conferred a supernatural destiny upon us and (2) our first parents, before the Fall, were endowed with sanctifying grace, but they chose to disregard it.

~ Father Reginald Martin

WORTHWHILE READING

Made New: 52 Devotions for Catholic Women



How would your life change if you were certain of your identity? If you could know that Someone loves you, sees you, and wants to be close to you—just as you are? In this beautifully designed weekly devotional for women, you're invited to soak in God's Word to embrace your identity as a beloved woman made in God's image.

Authored by "Blessed Is She", a popular online community for Catholic women, *Made New* walks you through rich reflections of the Gospels, substantive Scripture for prayer through Lectio Divina, and prompts for spiritual growth. Over

the course of 52 weeks, you'll uncover:

- how deeply God knows who you are and loves who you're becoming.
- why you belong to God's family.
- what it means that your true identity is as God's beloved.
- how your belief in God's love affects your identity.
- how to follow God's plan for your life.

Made New is a thoughtful gift for the holidays, new year, birthdays, or for any woman who wants a stronger sense of self-worth, deeper peace in her identity, and a richer relationship with the God who loves her. Each devotional entry includes:

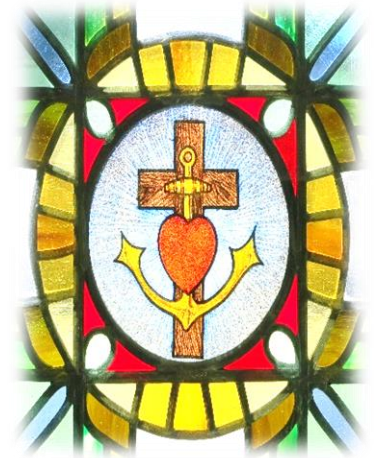
- a Scripture reference
- a devotion written by a "Blessed Is She" writer
- prompts for reflection
- beautiful, colorful pages with original art

You'll be made new as you journey through a year of thought-provoking devotions, inspiring personal stories, and heartfelt prayers. Experience life change as you're drawn into relationship with a loving God who is committed to your flourishing, advocates for you, and delights when you come to Him.

ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe
that you are one God in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that your divine Son became man
and died for our sins and that he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
because you have revealed them
who are eternal truth and wisdom,
who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
In this faith I intend to live and die.
Amen.



Act of Hope

O Lord God,
I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my
sins
and after life here to gain eternal happiness
because you have promised it
who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind,
and merciful.
In this hope I intend to live and die.
Amen.

Act of Love

O Lord God, I love you
above all things
and I love my neighbor for
your sake
because you are the highest,
infinite and perfect
good, worthy of all my love.
In this love I intend to live
and die.
Amen.

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 (2024)	620-6643	Cindy Finn	(2024)	624-0546
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo	(2023)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2023)	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
Head Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	626-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
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/Community Outreach:	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 Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
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. Tibu Fernandez

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