

# *First & Second Sundays in Advent*

*November 27, 2022  
&  
December 4, 2022*



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## **MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 11**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 26</b>	
4:30 pm	Hermine Ruth Johnston	Johnston family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 27</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mike Callard	Rina Callard
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 28</b>	
8:30 am	Zofia Stanislaw Depa	The Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 29</b>	
8:30 am	Cherylyn & Chris Noble (L)	The Silas Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 30</b>	
8:30 am	Robin Plante	Peter & Norma Cook
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 1</b>	
8:30 am	Gerald Dephoure Jr.	David Beasley
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 2</b>	
8:30 am	Thida Buor, Solidad & Ricardo Javier	The Buor Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 3</b>	
4:30 pm	Kathleen Steer	The Lyall Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 4</b>	
9:00 am	Glen Pereira	The Pereira Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 5</b>	
8:30 am	In thanksgiving for Mary & the Infant Jesus	Palmina Colacci
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 6</b>	
8:30 am	Rosalie & David Beasley	The Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 7</b>	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho & Deceased Members of the Coelho & Meneses Families	Pat & Donny
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 8</b>	
8:30 am	Josephine & Jean Gurulian	Marie Gurulian
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 9</b>	
8:30 am	Gerald Dephoure Jr.	David Beasley
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 10</b>	
4:30 pm	Amanda Voss	Her Parents
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 11</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Maureen Marolly	The Di Marco Family

**BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:** We will be collecting Tim Horton's McDonald's gift cards for Benedict Labre House until December 17. See donation box in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

## **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

**November 27:** Cherylyn & Chris Noble (L), requested by The Silas Family

**December 4:** Christopher Eames, requested by Jasmine Eames

**December 11:** In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary for saving my life, requested by Juliette Coelho

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

John Payette, husband of the late Jill, father of Michael and Kerry Ann.

Enio Brizuella, friend of the Rivera Family.



**TIME TO GET THOSE TICKETS!**  
**"LIFE IS WONDERFUL" CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

Hosted by Pillars Trust to mark the end of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in the former Grand Séminaire de Montréal, 2065 Sherbrooke St. West, Montréal. DOORS OPEN: 7:00 pm, concert in the beautiful chapel 7:30 - 9:00pm. Featuring choirs from The McGill Newman Centre, The Sacred Heart School, St. Ignatius Music Ministry, The Bernadette Short Irish Dancers. A Wine and Cheese reception follows. Cost: In Person \$30.00, Students \$20.00, Virtual \$20.00. Reserve tickets online at [www.pillarstrust.org](http://www.pillarstrust.org) or purchase at the door. For more information call Carol McCormick (514) 386-8082.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Nov 13:** Offerings: \$ 4,827.00 Helping Others \$1,520.00

**Nov 20:** Offerings: \$ 5,350.40

Upcoming special collections - December 11 – Religious Education

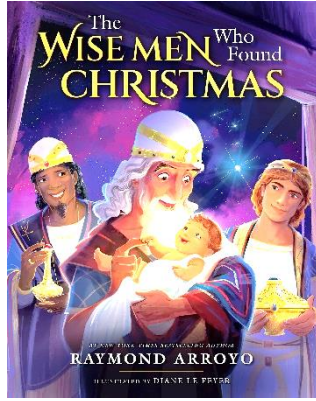
**VIRTUAL ADVENT RETREAT: "I HATE WAITING"** Given by Fr. Kevin Kelly and Dina Amicone (Ignatian Spirituality Centre) Saturday, December 3, 10 am to 12 noon. Themes: Embracing humility and patience. Registration: [carol.mccormick@pillarstrust.org](mailto:carol.mccormick@pillarstrust.org) to receive the Zoom link. Free, however donations are greatly appreciated.

### **OUR SOUL NEEDS CARE AND FEEDING**

Pope Francis: "We often focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary realities. And perhaps without even recognizing it, we neglect what counts the most and we allow our love for God to grow cold, to grow cold bit by bit. Jesus offers us the remedy to rekindle a tepid faith. And what is the remedy? Prayer. Yes, prayer is the medicine for faith, it is the restorative of the soul. Consistent daily prayer can heal the soul like medicine heals the body when taken regularly in the right way and at the right times. Let us think of a houseplant: we need to water it consistently every day. We cannot soak it and then leave it without giving it water for a week! Even more so with prayer. We cannot live only on strong moments of prayer or occasional intense encounters ... We need the daily water of prayer, we need time dedicated to God, so that he can enter into our time, into our lives. It is in these consistent daily moments of prayer that we open our hearts to him so that he can daily pour out on us love, peace, joy, strength, hope, thus nourishing our faith. Aspirations, or short easy to memorize prayers that can be repeated often, can help one to stay in tune with God throughout the day. For example, as soon as we awaken, we can say: 'Lord, I thank you and I offer this day to you.' This is a short prayer. Then, before an activity, we can repeat, 'Come, Holy Spirit.' Between one thing and another, we can pray thus, 'Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I love you.' How often we send instant messages to the people we love! Let's do this with the Lord as well so that our hearts remain connected to him."

## WORTHWHILE READING

*The Wise Men who found Christmas* by Raymond Arroyo.



*Possible Christmas gift for children 5-8 years old. Finally, the True, Untold Story of the Wise Men...They were not three kings. Nor were they from the Far East, or even Persia...In this thrilling, visual adventure capturing the wonder of the Christmas season, New York Times bestselling author Raymond Arroyo shares the true, hidden story of the mysterious Magi, who risked everything to discover the truth. Based on new historical evidence, The Wise Men Who Found Christmas is the miraculous, untold tale of three seekers who followed a star and found themselves in the middle*

*of the greatest story ever told. Stunningly illustrated by Diane Le Feyer, this enchanting family keepsake is sure to become part of your Christmas tradition - and a reminder that chasing truth is often the greatest adventure of all.*

*Raymond Arroyo is a New York Times bestselling author, international broadcaster and contributor on the third highest rated program in cable television, averaging 4 million viewers per evening. He has also worked for CNN and the Associated Press. Beyond these appearances, he is also seen weekly in more than 350 million households globally and heard on 500 AM/FM affiliates on EWTN. Mr. Arroyo has made frequent appearances on The Today Show, Good Morning America, The Ingraham Angle, CNN Headline News, Access Hollywood and more.*

## A QUESTION ABOUT END OF LIFE CARE

*Q. Could you clarify the Church's position on refusal of food and hydration when making out health care directives and living wills?*

A. The overriding principle in Catholic teaching is that one is obliged to use ordinary means to preserve his or her life but is permitted to forgo extraordinary means. In most situations, artificial nutrition and hydration would be considered ordinary means. And so, the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops state, "In principle, there is an obligation to provide patients with food and water, including medically assisted nutrition and hydration for those who cannot take food orally" (No. 58). However, particular circumstances may override this presumption, and if the provision or continuation of medically assisted feeding would cause significant discomfort, it becomes morally optional. In such situations, one must weigh the benefits and burdens, and here the intention is paramount: If the intention of removing a feeding tube is to end the patient's life, that would of course be immoral; but if the intention is simply to discontinue a burdensome treatment that is not being assimilated by the patient and is instead causing significant discomfort, it would certainly be moral to remove it. In making these difficult end-of-life decisions, a helpful resource is [www.catholicendoflife.org](http://www.catholicendoflife.org).

And if I were formulating an advance directive (or guidance for my health care proxy), I think that I might include language something like the following, offered by the National Catholic Bioethics Center: "I wish to follow the moral teachings of the Catholic Church and to receive all the obligatory care that my faith teaches we have a duty to accept. However, I also know that death need not be resisted by any and every means and that I have the right to refuse medical treatment that is excessively burdensome or would only prolong my death and delay my being taken to God." (Fr. Kenneth Doyle, Albany, NY)

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** Dec 11 at 12:15 in the Parish Hall. Becket's Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join us for a Christmas Breakfast. Tickets available after Mass. Cost is \$8.00 per person, or \$30 for a family of 4 or more (family consisting of parents and children).

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

### PARISH WARDENS

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

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Faith Formation	Elsa Rivera	626-4111
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Catholic Women's League:	Yasmin Ramsammy	463-1146
Community Aid	Parish Office	626-4111
Couples for Christ:	Don & Irene Salvanera	620-1319
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Responsible Pastoral Ministry:	Rina Callard	626-4111
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

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### RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints	752-4683
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Spiritual Support Line	1-888-305-0994
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

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Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

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

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

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 903-6200 or one of our priests