

Second Sunday in Lent

March 20,
2011



Weekday Masses: Mar. 21, 7:15 p.m., Mar. 22, 23, 24, 25, 8:30 a.m.

FAITH FIRST

Sun. Mar. 20 High School- last gathering
Sat. Mar. 26 First Communion Reconciliation-see package & bring a rock!
(each child MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: This week my gift of KINDNESS bore fruit for Jesus by:
Being nice. *Lucia C.*

Giving my juice to a girl even though she was mean to me. *Alessandra D.*

Not getting mad at my friends. *Nico C.*

Helping my mommy. *Julia L.*

Eating healthfully *Audrey C.*

Helping the Angels of Mercy soup kitchen give out food to the homeless. *Evan L.*

Next time, we will share how our gift of PEACE bore fruit...stay tuned!

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Peter, James, and John saw the Lord transfigured before their eyes and heard, "This is my son, my beloved, listen to him." Are you listening? *Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348*
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Transfiguration

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a (Abraham's Call)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 (Called to Holiness)

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 (Jesus Transfigured)

Adults: How might God be reaching out to me in the people I meet, the stories I hear, or the opportunities that come my way every day?

Children: How is God revealed to me through my friends and classmates?



WORDS OF THE WEEK – VOX

CLARA: Meaning "clear voice," this committee, under the authority of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, was formed in order to provide counsel on the work of translating sacred texts from Latin into English. Comprised of Bishops from several English-speaking countries, Vox Clara works with the Congregation for

Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments as well as the English-speaking bishop's conferences to offer advice on the many levels of work involved in the translation of the revised edition of The Roman Missal.

CAFÉS: Catholic Adult Faith Education Sessions: Developed for *all* parishioners, our CAFÉS offer you a chance to learn more about our Catholic Faith and enrich your prayer life. All welcome!

Mon, Mar. 14, 9-10 am *Moms in Touch – prayer group for moms.* Led by Cathy Zentner.

Wed. Mar. 23, 7-9 pm *Couple Talk.* Presenters: C. Macaulay & T. Rettino

Thurs, Mar. 24, 7 pm *Vocations - the Call to Glory.* Presenter: Fr. Francesco Giordano. (N.B. Rescheduled from March 16.)

Wed. March 30, 5-6 pm & 6:45 -7:45 pm *Who is God? My iPod?*
Presenter: M. Million

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAR. 19 TO MAR. 27.

Saturday	Mar. 19	Second Sunday in Lent	
4:30 pm	William Doherty		Janice Cunningham
Sunday	Mar. 20		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Giuseppina Ripa-Galatone		Richelieu Rose Group of Associates & Sisters
Mon.	Mar. 21		
7:15 pm	Marguerite Marceau		Ruth Marin
Tues.	Mar. 22		
8:30 am	Lina & Vito Marcario & Family		Rina Della Rocca
Wed.	Mar. 23		
8:30 am	Wanda Standfuss		Joseph & family
Thursday	Mar. 24		
8:30 am	Kenneth Cassidy		Marthe Cossette
Friday	Mar. 25		
8:30 am	Assibi Paul		James Abu Paul
Saturday	Mar. 26	Third Sunday of Lent	
4:30 pm.	Lellia Tramuta		Maria Tramuta
Sunday	Mar. 27		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Vladyslaw Latkowski		Latkowski Family

Readings for March 21 to March 25:

Mon.	Mar 21	Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6: 36-38
Tues.	Mar 22	Is 1:10, 16-20	Mk 23:1-12
Wed.	Mar 23	Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Thurs.	Mar 24	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fri.	Mar 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10: 4-10	Lk 1:26-38

THE SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of March 20: Giuseppina Ripa requested by her family.



Once again this Lent Christians throughout Montreal are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life campaign in which we are invited to offer a part of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for an end to abortion in Canada. We are also invited to participate in the peaceful prayer vigil that will be held in Lahaie park, across from the Morgantaler abortion clinic.

On March 22, Fr. Michael will be organizing a morning for our parishioners to go and participate in the prayer vigil. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours of peaceful prayer and silent protest for this worthy cause. Please see Fr. Michael for more information or go to www.40daysforlife.com/montreal-english/

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

St. Veronica: **April 2, 10:30-noon** † Corpus Christi: **April 4, 7:00 pm** - bilingual service at Paroisse Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, 1, rue de l'Église. † St. Thomas à Becket: **April 5, 7:30 pm** † St. Luke: **April 7, 7:30 pm** † St. John Fisher: **April 9, 10:30 am – noon** †



Thank you to everyone who attended the first session of our Lenten Mission on March 15. Approximately 130 people came and learned about our liturgical traditions, the process of translation, and the reasons for the new translation. This coming Tuesday, we will explore the

challenges, how to respond to critics, and practice praying with the new texts. The aim of the mission is to help our parishioners not just learn new texts, new prayers and new rules, but to deepen their faith, and enrich their prayer life so we can become what we are all called to be – One Body, One Spirit in Christ. Please join us on **March 22 at 7:30 pm**, and again on **March 29 at 7:30 pm** for receiving the Prayers & Reflections on the Translation. For more information please visit <http://uscgb.org/romanmissal/> which includes FAQs, sample texts, and much more information about the New Roman Missal.

PALMS FOR ASHES: Please bring in any old palms you may have from previous Palm Sundays and put them in the box in the narthex. We will burn the palms to create the ashes that will be used next year Ash Wednesday of 2012.



DO YOU HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS we are looking for to help in a very important ministry at St. Thomas à Becket? We are looking for caring and compassionate people who can help their fellow parishioners to get in and out of their car, into a wheelchair and into the church, or to open doors and find seating for the elderly, parents with young children and those with special needs. No fixed or regular schedule. Just come and help out at any Mass. Norma 514-620-2019.

2011 MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Is your wedding anniversary this year divisible by 5? Join us at our Annual Marriage Jubilee **April 29 & 30**. RSVP Rina 514-695-6995.

BIBLE and BAGELS!!! All youth and friends are welcome to join us on Friday **March 25, at 7pm**. Come and seek the goodness of the Bible and then sink your teeth into fresh Bagels. We'll have a special guest speaker and your favorite spreads available (Nutella, peanut butter, cream cheese, strawberry jam and much more). Come and join us for an evening of fun, faith and Bagels!

SILENCE "Be quiet, you're in church now!" Many of us grew up being reminded regularly that the appropriate behavior for us during Mass was to be silent. Church and the library had that in common. Then, with the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, active participation became the norm. Usually active participation is understood as joining in the singing and saying the responses along with everyone else. Rarely do we expand the definition of participation to include communal silence. Public silence is frequently very awkward. We assume someone forgot their cue or made an embarrassing mistake. Yet we also know the heart-gripping impact when a grandstand full of people observes a moment of silence. The liturgy invites us to pray without words several times during Sunday Mass. Before the opening prayer, after the readings and the homily, perhaps during the intercessions and again after communion, we are given the opportunity to call to mind God's presence in our midst, to offer our personal petitions and express our thanks for God's continuing blessings. Such silence is not a passive "shutting down" but rather an attentive awareness of our intimate connection with the Lord and with one another. Such awareness requires ample time to develop—ample time not only at a particular liturgy, but Sunday after Sunday after Sunday. Only then will the inevitable coughing, kneeler banging and fussing babies mark the beginning of our silence and not the end of it!

In another, more profound sense, we are always silent at liturgy—even when we speak. We sing psalms and speak prayers that are not our own but rather the words of our ancestors in faith and the words of the church. Our individualistic American culture finds such behavior suspicious or even threatening: "I am my own person!" But it is precisely in that surrender to the power of ritual and the life of the larger community that we discover our true voice.

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