

**March 10,
2013
Fourth Sunday
of Lent**



*Weekday Masses:
March 11: No Mass, March 12, 13, 14, 15: 8:30 a.m.*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 09 TO MARCH 17

Saturday	Mar. 09	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
4:30 pm	Catherine Boyle		The Lyons family
Sunday	Mar. 10		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Walter Symms		M. & C.Pereira &family
Monday	Mar. 11		
	No Mass		
Tues.	Mar. 12		
	Margaret Hughes & Veronita Flores		Flores-Lyons family
Wed.	Mar. 13		
8:30 am	Jim Lyons		St. Francis & St. Clare Fraternity
Thurs.	Mar. 14		
8:30 am	Bronislawa Kulmacz		Becket Bowlers
Friday	Mar. 15		
8:30 am	Patricia Sessenwein		Lucy Pigeon
Saturday	Mar.	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
Sunday	Mar. 17		
9:00 am	Vito Marcario		Rina Della Rocca & family
11:00 am	Daphne Raeburn		her daughter

Weekday Readings:

Mon. Mar. 11	Is 65:17-21	Jn 4: 43-54
Tues. Mar. 12	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Jn 5: 1-16
Wed. Mar. 13	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5: 17-30
Thurs. Mar. 14	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5: 31-47
Fri. Mar. 15	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of March 10: In thanksgiving from Jean Mack.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB Thanks to parish support of our events (particularly the New Year's Eve dance), the Social Club has been able to pay off the balance owing on the nativity set purchased last year. We have also been able to contribute towards rosaries given to those receiving baptism in our parish and make donations to Benedict Labre House & the West Island Women's Shelter. Thank you for your continued support of Social Club events.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (The Yield of Canaan)
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (Ambassadors for Christ)
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (The Prodigal Son)

Adults: When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

Children: Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

FAITH FIRST GATHERINGS:

Tues. March 12: Last Eucharist gathering

Thurs. March 14: Last Confirmation gathering

Sat. March 16: First Communion Reconciliation celebrations: Don't forget to bring a rock, a love letter, and an adult.

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY, MARCH 23: Archbishop Christian Lépine invites all young people to celebrate Palm Sunday on **Saturday, March 23, beginning at 12:30 pm** Let us celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ and our joy of being sons and daughters of a God who loves us very much! Come and invite your friends to this amazing event of sharing and solidarity. Info: Damian at 514-696-9432. Full schedule at <http://diocesemontreal.org>

CAFES 2013

The Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment Series are offered to all our parishioners as a means of deepening their life of prayer and learning more about our faith. Join us!

Fridays, March 15, 22, 10 am to 12 pm: Day Café: *Creating Sabbath Space*. Presenter: Samia Boghdady. Location 8 Place Madeira, Kirkland. 514-694-3564. N.B. There will be no Breaking Open the Word on Friday March 8.

Tues. March 19, 7-9 pm Catholicism: A Vast Company of Witness: The Communion of Saints

Thurs. March 21, 7-8 pm Guided meditation with Lauren Percival.

Visit the parish website for more information www.stthomasabecket.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 2/3:

Offerings: \$5906.56

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a priest or religious.?

Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348. vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org

COME AND SEE: Interested in learning about the Priesthood? Join us for an informal get-together, **March 15, at 5:30 pm** at St. Willibrord's Parish, 351 Willibrord Ave. Verdun. Metro Verdun. For men 18-54 years. The evening includes supper, recreation, prayer, input and sharing. Info: Fr. Steven Otvos 514-925-4348

††† WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †††

Mar. 16, 10:30-noon

St. John Fisher

Mar. 16, 1-2:30 pm

St. Thomas à Becket

March 19, 7:30 pm

St. Edmund of Canterbury

March 21, 7:30 pm

St. Luke

March 23, 10:30-noon.

St. Veronica

PALM WORKSHOP: March 20, 7-9 p.m. Come and learn how to make beautiful palm crosses and flowers to help us prepare decorations for the Sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter, and crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday. Join us in the parish hall. All welcome.

BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR: We invite you to make a donation toward our Easter Flower Fund for your personal intentions. Donations may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket any weekend Mass. Please include on the envelope: name of your intention or loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if you have one. Names of loved ones and intentions will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins. God bless.

LENTEN MISSION hosted by St. Luke and Jesus Light of the World Parishes from **March 14 to 16** at St. Luke Parish. Fr. Gabriel Côté, SJ will guide us on a journey of prayer, reflection Info: <http://st-luke.ca> or 514-684-6488.

PLEASE BE SURE to contact the parish office before posting on the Narthex and/or hall bulletin boards.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Billings Ovulation Method Presentation
A natural method for fertility awareness that can be used for avoiding or achieving a pregnancy. A reliable method of family planning that enriches your marriage at the same time! Regular cycles are not necessary for this scientifically based method. An educational powerpoint presentation will be given, free of charge, on **Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m.** in Cahill Hall. The instructor is a member of the parish with over 20 years of experience teaching NFP. Couples are encouraged to attend together, but everyone is welcome.



BECKET FILM FEST PRESENTS: *What Would Jesus Do?*

Based on the novel *In His Steps* by Charles Sheldon, this is a thought-provoking story about four individuals—a singer, a newspaper editor, a wealthy philanthropist and a Minister who lost his faith—all vowing to walk in ‘the steps of Jesus’. Every day and every decision becomes a turning point in their lives as

they must ask themselves: ‘What Would Jesus Do?’ Join us **Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. All welcome. Info: Steve Barillaro 514-808-0634.

DONATION ENVELOPE USERS: If you have changed your envelope box number, please make sure to register your new number with the parish office. 514-626-4111. Thank you!

**Share
Lent 2013**



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: MARCH 17

Next Sunday, a second collection will be taken up for developing countries.

Christians are urged to share their goods with others and thus express in a concrete way their desire to come closer to God and all God’s children as a result of their Lenten efforts. The offering should reflect the money you have saved through penitential fasting as set aside for God’s people.

Commitment to human dignity is needed more than ever in our world today. One billion among us go hungry, and countless others are sacrificed to the idols of greed, violence, and war.

Belief in human dignity has been the driving force of the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace for the past 45 years. It is not economic progress but the human person, made in the image of God, who is at the heart of its mission. This gives a special quality to the work of Development and Peace, which would not be possible without your generous support of the Share Lent campaign. What is this special quality? To believe in human dignity is to be convinced that poverty is not simply a material problem to be solved. Poverty is instead a call to journey together with the poor in search of the Kingdom of God – where justice and peace reign.

Development and Peace is the visible expression of our love as Canadian Catholics for the human family and of our hope that the world can be a better place for all. Excerpt from letter of Archbishop of Edmonton, Richard Smith, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, February 20, 2013. Visit www.cccb.ca

CHILDREN’S CHOIR DIRECTOR (S) We are looking for one or more people who may be interested in helping to direct our 9am children’s choir. Please consider this important stewardship opportunity. Contact Lino Viegas or Fr. Michael. 514-626-4111.

In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You.

~ *Saint Augustine*