

**March 17,  
2013**  
**Fifth Sunday  
of Lent**

*"If any one of you  
is without sin,  
let him be the first  
to throw a stone"*  
*John 8:7*



**HABEMUS PAPEM FRANCESCUM!**

On March 13 the world's 1.2 billion Catholics rejoiced as Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, was elected Pope. He has chosen the name Francis. May God abundantly bless Pope Francis, and give him the strength and zeal to proclaim the gospel as the new pontificate begins.

**Weekday Masses:**

**March 18: No Mass, March 19, 20, 21, 22: 8:30 a.m.**

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 16 TO MARCH 24**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
4:30 pm		Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>		
9:00 am		Vito Marcario	Rina Della Rocca & family
11:00 am		Daphne Raeburn	her daughter
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>		
		No Mass	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>	
		Max Fernandes	Mr & Mrs Braganza
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>		
8:30 am		Monica Bruen	Pat Carroll & family
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Mar. 21</b>		
8:30 am		Ena Coelho	Vasco Coelho
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>		
8:30 am		Lina & Vito Marcario & family	Rina Della Rocca
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
4:30 pm		Vanessa Empsall	Barbara & Nicole Percival
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 24</b>		
9:00 am		Lucie De Leeuw	Marilyn & Pierre Gauthier
11:00 am		Our Parishioners	

*Weekday Readings:*

<b>Mon. Mar. 18</b>	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Jn 8: 12-20
<b>Tues. Mar. 19</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	Jn 5: 1-1
<b>Wed. Mar. 20</b>	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8: 31-42
<b>Thurs. Mar. 21</b>	Gn 17: 3-9	Jn 8: 51-59
<b>Fri. Mar. 22</b>	Jer 20: 10-13	Jn 10: 31-42

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21 (New Things)

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14 (Maturity in Faith)

Gospel: John 8:1-11 (The Woman Caught in Adultery)

**Adults:** Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapprove of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

**Children:** When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** Week of March 17: Maria & Victor Kozlowski requested by their family.

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS:** Here are some reflections that our Faith First children shared with us last week:

*I showed that I am a friend of Jesus when ...*

I make breakfast for my parents. **Daniel S.**

I finished my confirmation chapter. **Kyra H.**

I prayed before going to bed. **Julia F.**

I shared my wii with my brother. **Vincent C.**

I share with my friends. **Isabella C.**

I was nice to my sister. **Brandon P.**

I helped my mom empty the dishwasher. **Melissa V.**

I listened during Tae Kwon Do. **Alessandro P.**

**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.

**Fridays March 22, 10 am to 12 pm:** Day Café: *Creating Sabbath Space.*

Presenter: Samia Boghdady. Location 8 Place Madeira, Kirkland. 514-694-3564.

**Fridays 7-8 pm Breaking Open the Word** – prepare for Sunday worship by reviewing and reflecting on the readings.

**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](http://www.stthomasabecket.org)

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH

Offerings: \$ 4393.00

Helping Others: \$ 2500.00

**VOCATIONS REFLECTION:** What am I racing after: fame, fortune, or life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line? Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348. [vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org)

#### ††† WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †††

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.

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Diocesan Card Party **April 9 at 7 pm** at Resurrection of Our Lord, Lachine, play any game, prizes and refreshments. Best deal in town: \$6.00, April 27 Diocesan Convention at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. Guest speaker Sister Pat O'Neill, \$20.00 lunch included. May 24-26 Provincial Convention in Quebec City. To register contact Shirley at 514-626-4002



**POOR ST. PATRICK**, his feast day is so often trumped by Palm Sunday or Holy Week, and because March 17<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, Roman Catholic rules regulating the church's liturgical calendar demand that the feast of St. Patrick be dropped in deference to the primacy of Sunday as a celebration of the Paschal mystery. Actually, St. Patrick is an optional memorial that doesn't even have to be celebrated! Although St. Patrick is celebrated with leprechauns, shamrocks and green

beer, we should remember today to honor and pray for his intercession. He was an influential saint who, 1,500 years ago, brought Christianity to the little country of Ireland. He was born about 385 in the British Isles, was carried off while still very young during a raid on Roman Britain by the Irish and sold as a slave. At the end of six years he escaped to Europe, became a monk and was ordained; he then returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel. During the thirty years that his missionary labors continued he covered the Island with churches and monasteries; in 444 he founded the metropolitan See of Armagh. St. Patrick died in 461. After fifteen centuries he remains for all Irish throughout the world a great bishop whom they venerate as their father in the Faith.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**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.

**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.



**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.

**THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE SOLIDARITY SUNDAY.** A special collection is taken up for Development and Peace. We thank you for your support and solidarity! Through your generosity, Development and Peace can continue their work of making human dignity a reality for the poorest of our brothers and sisters in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)

