

*The Eighth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 05

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Saturday	Feb. 25	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm		Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Feb. 26		
9:00 am	Desmond Marolly		The Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare
11:00 am	Jose Da Silva		Walter & Mary Gargul
Monday	Feb. 27		
8:30 am	Johnny Tilli		Yolanda Ricci
Tuesday	Feb. 28		
8:30 am	Johny Tilli		Yolanda Ricci
Wednesday	Mar. 01	Ash Wednesday	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho		Pat & Donny Coelho
10:00 am	(Mass celebrated at West Island Manor)		
7:30 pm	Jack Scimone		Mary Scimone
Thursday	Mar. 02		
8:30 am	Joseph Tilli		Yolanda Ricci
Friday	Mar. 03		
8:30 am	Joseph Tilli		Yolanda Ricci
Saturday	Mar. 04	First Sunday of Lent	
4:30 pm	Anita De Felicia		husband and children
Sunday	Mar 05		
9:00 am	Douglas Floreani		Letitia Floreani
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ashes will be distributed to the faithful at both Masses on **Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Confessions will be available at all Masses.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Feb. 26: In thanksgiving from the Ramchandran & Desormeaux families

Mar. 05: Kathleen Ellis, Thomas Wallbank, & Daniel Bagshaw

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 18/19

Offerings: \$ 5,753.75

Next special collections: **March 1** (Ash Wednesday)

March 12 (Helping Others)

ALL ABOUT LENT. YES IT BEGINS THIS WEEK! Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays (the day Jesus arose), from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday before the Lord's Supper.



Ash Wednesday is the day the faithful have their foreheads signed with ashes in the form of a Cross, and is also a day of fast and abstinence. A day of fast is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 60 years old may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. (Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake are

exempt from this limited fast.) A day of abstinence: one on which Catholics 14 years or older must abstain from meat.

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, because Jesus died for our sins on Friday. (In fact, all Fridays of the year are still days of abstinence from meat, although we now have the option on those days of substituting the abstinence by making another act of penance, charity or religious devotion.)

Concerning acts of repentance for ordinary days during Lent, as we reflect that Our Lord died for our sins: it is appropriate to give up something we enjoy for Lent, doing physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, going to confession, and other similar acts of repentance. Giving up something for Lent is a salutary custom, because by denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. By training ourselves to resist temptations when they are not sinful, we train ourselves to reject temptations when they are sinful. We also express our sorrow over having failed to resist sinful temptations in the past.

LENT: A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Join us for a Lenten Mini-retreat, Saturday, March 11, beginning at 1:00: video presentation, adoration, guided meditation and more, followed by 4:30 Mass, light supper and viewing of the movie "Risen". RSVP: Rina Callard 514-915-7586.

DURING LENT, ENTER THE MYSTERY OF GOD

"Despite the importance of God's presence in the liturgy, many often spend their time in Mass looking at the clock and "counting [down] the minutes. This is not the attitude the liturgy requires of us: the liturgy is God's time, God's space, and we must place ourselves there, in God's time, in God's space, and not look at the clock. The liturgy is to really enter into the mystery of God."

~ Pope Francis

"WOW!" The Angels of Mercy Fundraiser was a huge success!! On behalf of the Organizing Committee and our homeless brothers and sisters, we wish to thank our Pastor, the CWL, the DJ, the hall set-up and decoration volunteers, the prize coordinator, the coat check team, the kitchen and cleanup crews, the cooks, bakers, servers, and most of all our fun-filled guests. Only with the help of generous contributors and your gift of time and effort was this fundraiser made possible. Thank you so very much.

~ Catherine Lemieux

ST. THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE would like to thank all who attended and donated for the Angels of Mercy Valentine's Day dance fundraiser at which we were able to raise \$4,600.00 for this wonderful cause.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: March 03 is the First Friday of the month. After Mass, you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for exposition and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS to serve on our new Parish Hall Preparedness Committee. Great way to help out at the parish!
Info Rina 514-915-7586.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET WOODWORKERS GROUP is seeking additional members. Should you be interested in learning more about working with wood and on a work-together-basis to perhaps make something that you would like for yourself, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the group members for additional details: Bob Cussen: 514-626-3822, Walter O'Grady: 514-694-2610, Mike Callard: 514 695-6995.

SUMMER JOBS AT CAMP KINKORA Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Camp Kinkora, in the Laurentians, is looking for young people to join their team this summer. We offer a unique opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills through service to children, youth, families, and special needs communities. Join us for fun, faith, and friendship, with memories to last lifetime!
Visit www.campkinkora.com for job postings (specifically kitchen aides, maintenance, and lifeguards) or contact Cori-Ann at campkinkora1@gmail.com

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA, Montreal Diocesan Council will host an Evening of Reflection at Villa Saint-Martin, 9451 Gouin West, Pierrefonds on Tuesday, March 14, 7-9 pm. Guest speaker: Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Theme: Temptations of Jesus. The program will feature a presentation by Sr. Pat and time for personal reflection. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$6.00 per person. ALL LADIES WELCOME. Parish Council Presidents will collect fees ahead of time and confirm numbers by March 10. Info. / pre-registration of non-members: Beverley Baxter (514) 428-8753.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Stroller with large wheels, tomato paste, tomato juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, sugar, KD, Canned fruit, jello, jello pudding, tea, rice (small pkgs), toilet paper, canned ham, Prem, muffin mix, bar soap, dish soap.

FAITH FIRST UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lent begins this week! You can participate in a few ways.

- Mardi Gras Pancake Supper **Tuesday, Feb 28 from 5:30-7:00pm** in the Hall
- Ash Wednesday Mass **March 1 at 7:30 pm**
- Begin following a Lenten Calendar. Find a copy of one distributed by Development and Peace on the Reflection Table
- Contribute to our Lenten Project: Becket Kids for Mary's Meals. Keep an eye out for an email coming soon.

Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. . . . There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth, and more than that: Death.

~ J.R.R. Tolkien