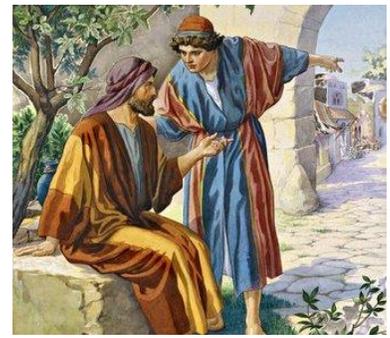


*Second Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 13 TO JANUARY 21

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Saturday	Jan. 13	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Calvin Hugman	Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	Jan. 14	
9:00 am	Dorotea & Giuseppe Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Jan. 15	
8:30 am	Vincent Zerounian	John & Maria Bastone
Tuesday	Jan. 16	
8:30 am	Kay & Joe Gitto	Ana Madden
Wednesday	Jan. 17	
8:30 am	Geraldine Guerin	Nicole & Terry Muise
Thursday	Jan. 18	
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson	Jeannette MacLachlan
Friday	Jan. 19	
8:30 am	Chris Kolodnicki	Mike & Rina Callard
Saturday	Jan. 20	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Vincenzo Parise	Rina Reda & family
Sunday	Jan. 21	
9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory	Philomena D'Cruz
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

January 14: Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Alf & Willy

January 21: Alberta & Antonio Fiori, requested by the Gafoor family.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 23/24 (4th Sunday of Advent): \$3, 321.00

Building Fund: \$2, 650.75

Dec. 24/25 (Christmas): \$16, 876.27

Dec. 30/31 (Feast of the Holy Family): \$ 5, 461.40

Dec. 31/ Jan. 1 (Mary the Mother of God): \$ 3, 029.00

Jan. 6/7: \$ 5, 912.00

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

Marcelle (Lemieux) Schubert, sister of Catherine Lemieux

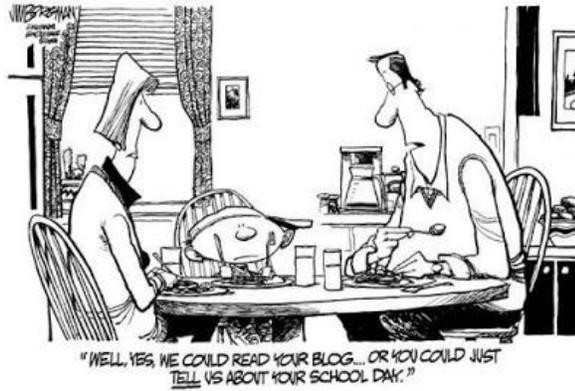
Michelle Lasheoway Paquette, mother of Marie-Anne Paquette

Yvonne Brisebois, mother of Richard Beaulieu

TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET resumes January 16 after morning Mass. All welcome.

THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE scheduled for Monday, January 15, has been postponed to Monday, February 19. Please join us then.

ARE FAMILY MEALS IMPORTANT?



When I visited Russia a few years ago I was appalled to learn of a fiendish strategy of the former communist government. They developed a simple plan to strengthen allegiance to the all-powerful state while simultaneously weakening family bonds. They did it by offering the main meal of the day at factories and schools in order to supplant the family evening

meal. The erosion of the family meal, insidiously imposed on the Russian people by the communists, is being voluntarily adopted by millions of American families with tragic consequences.

Fewer American teenagers are sharing the dinner table with their parents. In a 2004 University of Minnesota study, 33.1% of adolescents reported eating family meals only once or twice per week. While only about a fourth of the adolescents reported eating seven or more meals with their family per week. The Minnesota study found that teens who seldom or never eat with their families are:

- * More likely to have lower grades
- * More likely to suffer from depression
- * More likely to think about suicide

The adolescent girls in this category were also found to have distinctively weak self-esteem and a high likelihood of actually attempting suicide. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in its study, "The Importance of Family Dinners II," reports that teens who have two or three (or less) meals per week with their families are:

- * 3 times more likely to experiment with marijuana
- * 2½ times more likely to smoke cigarettes
- * 1½ times more likely to drink alcohol
- * 31% likelier to know a friend who uses methamphetamines. Conversely, the 26% of teens that enjoy frequent family dinners (5 to 7 times per week) had:
- * 40% likelier to earn A's or B's in school
- * Low levels of stress in their families
- * Half the risk of substance abuse
- * Parents who were proud of them
- * An ability to confide with their parents.

Of all the teens surveyed, 37% reported that the television was on during family dinners. The TV is on in 45% of those families that dine together fewer than three times per week. As many of you have heard me mention, a dinner with the television on is a TV dinner, not a family dinner. Mothers & fathers, there are no second chances when it comes to parenthood. You have precisely one opportunity to parent your children. Establish the priority and make the effort to get home for regular family meals. Don't allow your willful neglect of family meals do what the communists tried to do: namely, weaken family bonds. **Steve Wood** (www.dads.org)



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who helped us to cover the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants. Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

Carmela Mastormonaco Sivilla; Angela Tarasco Grandillo; Giuseppe Sivilla; Maddocks & Floreani families; Mary & Larry LeBlanc

COME AND SEE EVENING: For men who are discerning a call to the priesthood, the Diocesan Vocations Office is offering an informal get-together to provide fellowship and support for those who considering following Jesus as a priest. January 19 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Annunciation parish 71 Roosevelt Ave. in Mont-Royal. The evening begins with supper, followed by prayer and a time of input and sharing where issues concerning priestly life are discussed. Info: Fr. Robert Clark 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com



SHOULD CHILDREN DECIDE ON THEIR BAPTISM?

We increasingly hear parents say they will leave it to their children to choose whether or not to be baptized when they are older. Here is some food for thought on that choice:

“The purpose of baptism is . . . to open within him the door through which divine love can flow, to turn the soul toward God by implanting on it his first kiss, as it were. To deny the child this expression of Christ’s self-giving, on the grounds that the infant is too young to choose freely, would be similar

to withholding parental love until the child is at the age of reason. In fact, psychological studies show that tiny orphans have actually died when they were tended impersonally, so deeply did this lack of love affect them! Given the infinite gulf between the reality of divine love and even the adult’s ability to appreciate it, who shall set a time when the entering of Christ’s love into the soul would have its greatest efficacy? . . . Just as Christ has infinite love for this fresh individual uniquely conceived, so the Church, manifesting the divine love, rushes to bring the infant into contact with it by making him a member of the Mystical Body of the Church. Unless a parent has lost faith altogether in the sacraments, it is hard for me to see how his own love of Christ—combined with his awareness of his own lack of divinity—would not make him extremely eager to see his child immediately taken into the love of Christ which is so superior to his. If the mother and father have any self-knowledge at all, they will be aware of how much their child is liable to become the victim of their own shortcomings. Even if his parents be the most loving in the world, by comparison with the promise of divine life in eternity, every child’s life—fated as it is to share in the suffering lot of humanity—is a bit like that of Cinderella.”

By Ronda Chervin

FAITH FIRST SCHEDULE

Confirmation Gathering #4 Tuesday, January 16

Level 1/2 Gathering #2 Friday, January 19

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: As we begin the New Year, please consider the costs associated with operating the parish. Your offertory gifts help make the many ministries, outreach programs, and community support programs possible. Most importantly, you help maintain our place of worship for your use each week. As Christ blesses us each year with gifts, please consider recognizing the needs of the parish. Have you remembered your parish in your will?

At this time in particular, we give thanks for envelope users who, through tax data, remind our government that the Catholic Church is alive and well. Please consider using parish envelopes. You can also donate online by clicking the Online Donations button now available on the parish website www.becket.ca

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

FOR THE 104th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2018

[14 January 2018]

Dear brothers and sisters!

“...Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church’s motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future.[1] This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.

In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that “our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate”.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ybpu9xs8> to read the entire message.