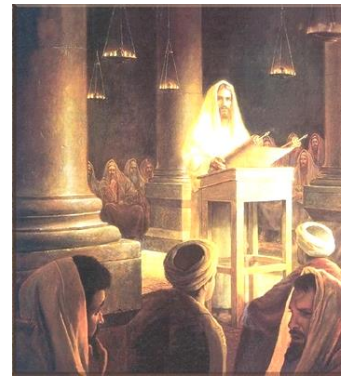


*Fourth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2018*



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 4**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:30 pm	Gerry Poisson		Becket Seniors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 28</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Conjetta Tilli		Estate
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>		
8:30 am	Arthur Kane		Jane Walton
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 30</b>		
8:30 am	Natasha Greniuk		Richard Gortler
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>St. John Bosco</b>	
8:30 am	Amy Moniz		Ron & Joy Pinto
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>		
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson		Jeannette MacLachlan
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>	
8:30 am	Mabel & Stanley Oliveira		Andrew Oliveira
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:30 pm	Ubaldo Mercadante		Rosemary & Joe Furino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>		
9:00 am	Sybil Carrasco		Di Francesco Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

**SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

January 28: Billy Tille, requested by Marie Meier

February 4: Ernie Cassidy, requested by the Bocarro Family

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN 13/14**

Offerings \$5, 238.05

Local Missionary (sent to Le Bon Dieu dans la Rue): \$1, 537.00

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

Frieda Wagner, aunt of Rina Callard

**ST. THOMAS À BECKET CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** is holding a Women's Empowerment Luncheon on Sat., February 10, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your girlfriends, enjoy a delicious lunch and be empowered to face your challenges. Guest speakers: Doreen Edward (founder of VOBOC) and Sonia Castiglione. Gift bag per attendee. Funds raised are for CWL sponsored charities and initiatives. Tickets \$25.00, Michelle (514) 694-8879.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Packers to help sort and stock non-perishables, and drivers to deliver baskets to the needy. Please contact the parish office.

## ST. JOHN BOSCO, PATRON SAINT OF YOUTH



"Education is something from the heart, and God alone is its master; we cannot succeed in anything unless God gives us the key to the hearts of these children."

- *St. John Bosco.*

John Bosco was born in Turin, Italy, on August 16, 1815, the son of poor farmers. When John was two, his father died. John's mother struggled to keep the family together. As soon as he was old enough, John, too, worked as hard as he could to help his mother. He was intelligent and full of life. John started to think about becoming a priest, but didn't say anything to his mother because he knew they couldn't afford the seminary education. Besides, his mother needed help at home. So John waited and prayed and hoped. Finally, a holy priest, St. Joseph Cafasso, helped him enter the seminary. John had to work his way through school. He learned to do all kinds of trades. He was a carpenter, shoemaker, cook, pastry maker and farmer. He did many other jobs as well. He could never have guessed how much this practical experience would help others later. John became a priest in 1841. As a priest, Don Bosco (priests in Italy are often addressed as "Don"), began his great ministry. He gathered together homeless boys and taught them trades. This way they would not have to steal or get into trouble. By 1850, there were 150 boys living at his home for boys. Don Bosco's mother was the housekeeper. "Do you want to be Don Bosco's friend?" he would ask each new boy who came to him. "You do? Then, you must help me save your soul." Every night he wanted his boys to say three Hail Mary's, so that the Blessed Mother would help them keep away from sin. He also recommended that they receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion often and with love. One of Don Bosco's boys also became a saint, St. Dominic Savio. Don Bosco started his own religious order of priests and brothers, the Salesians (after St. Francis de Sales), the third largest religious order in the Church. An order of Salesian sisters was started, too, with the help of St. Mary Mazzarello. Don Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The entire city of Turin lined the streets to pay him tribute. His funeral became a joyous proclamation of thanksgiving to God for the life of this wonderful man. A young parish priest who had once met Don Bosco later became Pope Pius XI. He had the joy of declaring Don Bosco a saint in 1934. His feast day is celebrated on January 31.

### **FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: Blessing of throats**

This popular feast falls on February 3. As usual on his feast, our priests will carry out the blessing of throats after the Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend, by touching their throats with two crossed candles while invoking the prayer of the saint and imparting God's blessing in these words: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**ARE YOU MUSICAL?** Our growing Sunday 9:00 children's choir is looking for a volunteer with choir experience to assist our director at practices and during Mass, and fill in occasionally as director. Please call the parish office at 514-626-4111.

### **FAITH FIRST:**

Level 4, (SP4, SP5) Gathering #2 Tuesday, February 6

Level 5, (SP5, SP6) Gathering #2 Thursday, February 8

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later February 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice for her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against the mystery birth or death excluded a person from

Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of St. Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end: "Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen Canticle of Simeon" (Lk 2:29-32)

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE



The sacred first class relic of St. Francis Xavier's forearm is making a rare visit to Canada. It will be in Montreal for only a very short time from January 28-30, 2018. The forearm of the most famous

missionary saint is coming to Canada, January 3 to February 2, as part of a 14-city visit organized by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Canadian Jesuits and Catholic Christian Outreach, a national university student movement.

### **Sunday, January 28, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**

5:00 p.m. Mass with Archbishop Christian Lépine

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Public Veneration

### **Monday, January 29, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**

11:00 a.m. to 12 noon Public Veneration

12:10 p.m. Mass (in the side chapel)

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public Veneration

5:00 p.m. Mass (in the side chapel)

5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Public Veneration

(7:00 p.m. Relic Talk: Life of St. Francis Xavier and the 3 graces - with Archbishop Lépine)

10:00 p.m. Closing Prayer: Litany of St. Francis Xavier

Public Veneration

### **Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

St. Ignatius of Loyola Church

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

and Church of the Gesù

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Closing Prayer: Litany of St. Francis Xavier

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you don't want to miss. <https://cco.ca/relic/>