

*Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 18

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Saturday	Feb.10	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	George & Jane D'Lima		Elizabeth D'Souza & family
Sunday	Feb.11		
9:00 am	Reseda Beaulne		The Caron family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Feb.12		
8:30 am	Fernand Froment		Estate
Tuesday	Feb. 13		
8:30 am	Michael Oliveria		Andrew Oliveira
Wednesday	Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	
8:30 am	Joseph Bissonnette		Chuck & Marieta
7:30 pm	Andrew Dolfini Jr.		Barbara Percival & family
Thursday	Feb. 15		
8:30 am	Raffaele & Maria Pulice		Rina Reda & family
Friday	Feb. 16		
8:30 am	Lara Oliveira		Andrew Oliveira
Saturday	Feb. 17	First Sunday of Lent	
4:30 pm	Mabel Oliveira		Julia Principe
Sunday	Feb. 18		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Vera Ruffolo & James Gerard Crotty		Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 11: Ernie Cassidy, requested by Becket Social Club

February 18: Domenic Mancini, requested by Nicole & family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR Feb. 3/4

Offerings \$4,331.90

Next special collection: **February 14: Ash Wednesday**

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us on **Tues. Feb. 13** for food and fun at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras celebration. 5:30 - 7 pm. \$5.00 per person. Children 3 and under free. We need more volunteers to make pancakes or pre-cook sausages & serve. Rina 514-915-7586.

FAITH FIRST:

EUCCHARIST GATHERING #5

Tuesday, February 13 in the CHURCH

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, February 17, 10am-noon

CONFIRMATION GATHERING #5

Tuesday February 20

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. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 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, as is Good Friday. A day of fast is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 59 years old may eat one full meal and have two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full 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: Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, 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.)

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed to the faithful at two Masses on Ash Wednesday, **February 14, at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Confessions will be available after both Masses.

UH-OH: ASH WEDNESDAY AND VALENTINE'S DAY ARE ON THE SAME DAY!!



What to do? Well, if you are Catholic, it goes without saying that Ash

Wednesday, including fast and abstinence, takes precedence. A good day to do

the usual Valentine's Day things is the day before, Tuesday, February 14, which is Mardi Gras, a traditional day of feasting before Lent. The two days also fit together better than you might

think. If Valentine's Day is really about love, then the simple act of observing the beginning of Lent with fasting and abstinence and receiving ashes can all be acts of love, love for God who gave us life and so much more; and the decision to spend the next 40 days loving Him better. And true love requires sacrifice, which is the spirit of Lent. The penitential practices of Lent, as all acts of penance in a Christian context, are aimed at learning to love, learning to live unselfishly.

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*



In asking this question, Corrie Ten Boom, survivor of the Holocaust and public speaker, focuses us on the need to pray in times of distress. But so often, praying is difficult when life is painful -- whether it's an illness, divorce, or something else causing the suffering. Pain brings forth so many questions about life and the future that sometimes part of the reason why it can be difficult to pray is because we do not have the answers to these questions.

Scripture tells us that no branch can bear fruit unless it is connected to the Vine. Are you well connected? The Bible also tells us that all things are possible with God. If you are working to achieve peace, healing, patience -- whatever it is you seek -- be sure to commit everything to prayer and let God work for you. He desires your happiness and that you bear much fruit in your own life. If you have the chance today, or this week, why not go spend an hour with Him in adoration? Even just to sit in His presence and open your heart to Him is a prayer.

~ *Lisa Duffy*

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. John 15:4



PEACE BE WITH YOU - LENTEN RETREAT:

All are welcome to join Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, CSC, with Fr. Arul Jayaraj, CSC, on Saturday **March 3, from 9:30 – 16:00**, in the Basilica at St. Joseph's Oratory - \$25 per person – lunch and parking included. RSVP by

Feb. 25 at jkalladanthiyil@osj.qc.ca

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

All are welcomed to pray for the protection of unborn life this Lenten season. From February 14 to March 25, join us in prayer and fasting in your homes, at church or at our public locations to pray for the end of abortion. Details: Brian Jenkins 514-344-2686 or 438-930-8643.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Mattress twin size, playpen, baby carrier, kitchen table & chairs.

Words of Wisdom

"What are we to do when all is dark? We are to pray, be patient and trust God." ~ *Pope Francis*