

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 8

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Saturday	Nov 30	
4:30 pm	Marino Argentin	Angie & family
Sunday	Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Alwyn D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Dec 2	
8:30 am	Thida Buor, Ricardo & Solidad Javier	The Family
Tuesday	Dec 3	
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving to Thomas Whyte (L)	Brian & Cheryl
Wednesday	Dec 4	
8:30 am	The Arsenault family (L)	
Thursday	Dec 5	
8:30 am	Derek Hopkirk	Barbara Bagshaw
Friday	Dec 6	
8:30 am	Madeleine Godbout Dufresene	Kathy Tobin
Saturday	Dec 7	
4:30 pm	Ida D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	Dec 8	Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Ken Doran	Vivian Kenny & family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Dec 1: Marino Argentin, requested by Angie & family

Dec 8: Yossef Tomus, requested by Irene & children

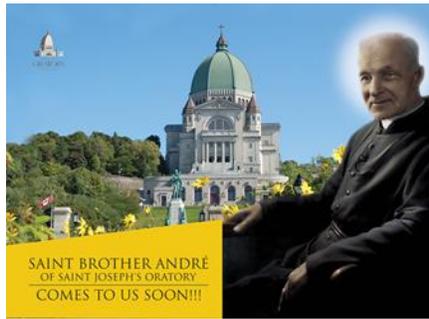
LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Cristina Barroso*, sister-in-law of Elizabeth Barroso; *Luigi Di Caprio*, husband of Rosalia; *Mel McAllindon*, uncle of Karen Dawson; *Araceli Asuncion*, mother of Alex Asuncion.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: Becket's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas Breakfast immediately following the 11am Mass on Sunday, December 8. Tickets: Guy Taillon: 514-887-4898.

PARISH FUNDRAISER: \$2 Half and Half draw next weekend after all Masses. Winner will be announced at the Christmas Breakfast, December 8.

FAITH FIRST: Eucharist Gathering #3: December 3
Confirmation Gathering #3: December 10



RELIC OF ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ will be coming to St. Thomas à Becket Parish on Monday, December 9, 7-9 pm. The evening will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, presentation of the life of St. Brother André, veneration of the relic and blessing with Saint Joseph's oil. All welcome.

RESOURCE DAY FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS WITH ARCHBISHOP LEPINE



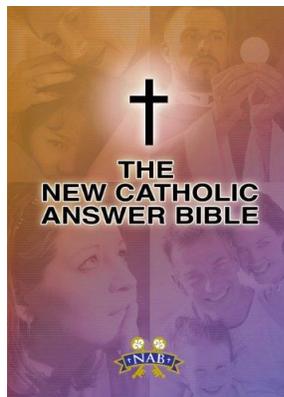
This day will be presented in French, but those functional in that language will find it helpful. L'enseignement de l'Église catholique sur le mariage, son indissolubilité et le divorce est peut-être l'un des moins bien compris aujourd'hui. Ainsi, beaucoup de personnes séparées ou divorcées se sentent exclues de l'Église et ont l'impression de n'y avoir aucune place. Pourtant, rien n'est plus faux! Dieu désire toujours profondément leur offrir sa Vie en abondance... Un temps de ressourcement avec Mgr Lépine pour les personnes séparées ou divorcées qui veulent retrouver leur place au sein de l'Église! Saturday, December 14, 9:30-4:30, no charge. St. Ambrose Parish, 6520 rue de Normanville. For more information, call (514) 925-4300, ext. 206, or centreDMVF@diocesemontreal.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 23/24
 Offerings: \$5,588.20 Building Maintenance Fund: \$2,022.00
 Next Special collection: December 8 - Religious Education

WORTHWHILE READING

New Catholic Answer Bible by Dr Paul Thigpen PhD (Editor)

What makes The New Catholic Answer Bible (New American Bible edition) so unique is the answers to questions about Catholic beliefs and practices and their foundation in Scripture. From Where Did the Bible Come From? and Are the Seven Sacraments in the Bible? to Are Catholics "Born Again"? and Why Do Catholic Bibles Have Seventy-three Books?, these eighty-eight diverse topics answer tough questions Catholics are asked.



The New Catholic Answer Bible is perfect for those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith; increase their knowledge of Scripture and deepen their appreciation for it; better respond when others ask them about the Catholic Church and its teachings.

FAMILIES IN NEED: Eleven needy families are still waiting to be sponsored for a Christmas Basket through our Sponsor-a-Family Christmas Basket Program. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office: 514-626-4111.

WELCOME ESPERANZA DONOVAN, OUR NEW PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER (PCL)



Esperanza is a native of Colombia, South America, living in Montreal since 1991. She met her Irish-Canadian husband (Paul Donovan, President of Loyola High School) at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, where she obtained a degree in Social Work and Theology. Esperanza was formerly PCL at Corpus Christi Parish in Senneville, and has also worked over many years with persons with mental disabilities. She home-schooled her son Paul and has been a member of the Secular Franciscan Order since 1991. Espie's rich background and deep love for the Catholic Church will bear much fruit for our parish children learning their faith and preparing to receive the sacraments. She can be reached at (514) 626-4111, faithfirst@becket.ca

TEN+ REASONS I NEVER GO TO MASS SHOWER

- 1) I was forced to shower as a child.
 - 2) People who shower are hypocrites. They think they are cleaner than everyone else.
 - 3) There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
 - 4) I used to shower, but it got boring so I stopped.
 - 5) I shower only on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
 - 6) None of my friends shower.
 - 7) I'm still young. When I'm older and have gotten a bit dirtier, I might start showering.
 - 8) I really don't have time to shower.
 - 9) The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
 - 10) People who make soap are only after your money.
- (There's more)*
- I get along very well without showering.
 - I work hard all week and am too tired to take a shower on the weekend.
 - The first bar of soap I ever used gave me a rash, so I haven't gone near soap since.

BLESSING OF THE HOME ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The wreath would then be sprinkled with water. Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week of Advent.

FIRST WEEK *The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)*

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candle is allowed to burn during evening meals for the first week. Prayers for subsequent weeks will be published in upcoming bulletins.

