

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 14 TO MARCH 22

Saturday	Mar 14	
4:30 pm	Barbara Figura	E.K. McDonald
Sunday	Mar 15	Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	George Dziarmaga	His wife and children
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Mar 16	
8:30 am	Mark Seguin	Margaret & Bruno Seguin
Tuesday	Mar 17	
8:30	Endacott family	Margaret & Bruno Seguin
Wednesday	Mar 18	
8:30 am	Rita Savoi – Awad	Marie Foggo
Thursday	Mar 19	
8:30 am	Domingo Jipos	Lourdes Jipos
Friday	Mar 20	
8:30 am	Vito & Lina Marcario & Family	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	Mar 21	
4:30 pm	Joy Anandi	Denise & family
Sunday	Mar 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Maria Dal Bello-Parison	The Family
11:00am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

March 15: Frances Palmeri Clouatre, requested by her friends at Vent de l'Ouest.

March 22: Gerry Alfred, requested by the De Rosario family.

PLEASE JOIN US every weekday morning at 8:00 am during Lent for the Stations of the Cross.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 7/8

Offerings: \$4,649.14

Helping Others: 2,287.00

Next special collection: March 22 – Building Maintenance Fund

CABANE À SUCRE The Becket Social Club and Knights of Columbus invite you to our Cabane à Sucre, Saturday March 21, 12 - 4 pm in the Parish Hall. Brunch, maple taffy, games and more. Fun for all ages. \$10/person. Children 7 & under free. \$35/Family of four. For more info call Rina 514-915-7586

COME AND SEE EVENING - FOR THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next '*Come and See Evening*' will take place on **Friday, March 20, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal). These evenings are an opportunity for men who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. For information or to rsvp please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or

mtlvocations@hotmail.com

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Patron of the Universal Church and of Canada: March 19



Joseph of Nazareth is a "just man" because he totally "lives by faith." He is holy because his faith is truly heroic. Sacred Scripture says little of St. Joseph, and does not record even one word spoken by him. And yet, even without words, he shows the depth of his faith, his greatness. Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the word of the Living God, listens in silence. We see how the word of the Living God penetrates deeply into Joseph's soul. Do we know how to listen to the word of God?

~ Pope St. John Paul II

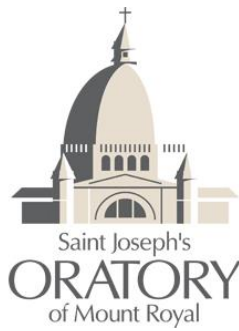
DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?



The world of today reveals itself as at once powerful and weak, capable of achieving the best or the worst. There lies open before it the way to freedom or slavery, progress or regression, brotherhood or hatred. In addition, man is becoming aware that it is for himself to give the right direction to forces that he himself has awakened, forces that can be his master or his servant. He therefore puts questions to himself. The tensions disturbing the world of today are in fact related to a more fundamental tension rooted in the human heart. In man himself many elements are in conflict with each other. On one side, he has experience of his many limitations as a creature. On the other, he knows that there is no limit to his aspirations, and that he is called to a higher kind of life. Many things compete for his attention, but he is always compelled to make a choice among them, and to renounce some. What is more, in his weakness and sinfulness he often does what he does not want to do, and fails to do what he would like to do. In consequence, he suffers from a conflict within himself, and this in turn gives rise to so many great tensions in society. Very many people, infected as they are with a materialistic way of life, cannot see this dramatic state of affairs in all its clarity, or at least are prevented from giving thought to it because of the unhappiness that they themselves experience. Many think that they can find peace in the different philosophies that are proposed. Some look for complete and genuine liberation for man from man's efforts alone. They are convinced that the coming kingdom of man on earth will satisfy all the desires of his heart. There are those who despair of finding any meaning in life: they commend the boldness of those who deny all significance to human existence in itself, and seek to impose a total meaning on it only from within themselves. But in the face of the way the world is developing today, there is an ever-increasing number of people who are asking the most fundamental questions or are seeing them with a keener awareness: What is man? What is the meaning of pain, of evil, of death, which still persist in spite of such great progress? What is the use of those successes, achieved at such a cost? What can man contribute to society, what can he expect from society? What will come after this life on earth? The Church believes that Christ died and rose for all, and can give man light and strength through his Spirit to fulfil his highest calling; his is the only name under heaven in which men can be saved. So too the Church believes that the centre and goal of all human history is found in her Lord and Master. The Church also affirms that underlying all changes there are many things that do not change; they have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

*From the Vatican II document Gaudium et Spes,
"The Church in the Modern World"*

ENGLISH LENTEN RETREAT at Saint Joseph's Oratory in conjunction with the Catholic Women's League, on the theme of Forgiveness: The Key to Heaven. Animators will be Fr. Nicholas Sengson, SVD, Fr. Arul Jayaraj, CSC, Ms. Ingrid Lefort, with the assistance of Fr. Thomas Xavier Gomes, CSC, Saturday, March 28, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. \$25.00 includes lunch and parking. All are welcome. The deadline for registration is March 22. Rosa Lam at 514 924-5318 or e-mail at lamros49@gmail.com

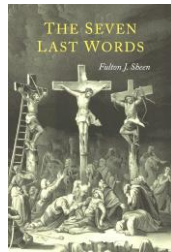


MONDAY EVENING HEALING MINISTRY SERVICES at St. Thomas à Becket will resume in the summer months. Please remember that our prayer team is always available to meet with individuals by contacting: BecketHealing@gmail.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: OCTOBER 19 TO 30, 2020 Under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Joy Abraham O.Carm, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Laval, a fascinating 12 day Pilgrimage –Tour of The Holy Land and Jordan, from October 19 to 30, 2020. A life changing experience, visiting and praying in the Holy places where our Lord was born, brought up, performed miracles, carried his cross and died and of course visiting the Empty Tomb, sign of our own Resurrection. Contact Henry Rousseau, Gideon Travel and Tours Ltd., Toronto, at 416 626 5533 or email him at tours@gideontravel.com

WORTHWHILE READING

The Seven Last Words by Fulton J. Sheen



This is the perfect little book to accompany you through Lent. Each of the Seven Last Words of Jesus can be used as a daily meditation. They are not long and are the ideal way to set aside some time to ponder and pray on the Passion of Christ as we journey through Lent. Archbishop Sheen writes with such beauty and poetry and this small book is a massive treasure trove.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK'S: HISTORY OF MONTREAL'S BASILICA

St. Patrick's Church was opened on March 17th, 1847 to serve the needs of the Irish immigrants who had come to Montreal in great numbers due to the famine and other troubles in Ireland. The church was built in the Gothic Revival style on a promontory overlooking the City of Montreal. Its spire could be seen by all. Over the years the city grew north, east and west with the result that the church is now surrounded by modern-day Montreal. St. Patrick's Church was raised to the status of Minor Basilica by His Holiness, Pope John-Paul II in 1989 because of its historical importance as the mother church of the English-speaking Catholics of greater Montreal. St. Patrick's recently underwent its fourth major restoration, at the cost of five million dollars. The restoration was paid for by a Provincial Government subsidy and by contributions from corporations, foundations, and individuals. The Basilica has been designated an Historical Monument by the Government of Quebec and in 1991 Saint Patrick's was named a National Historic Site of Canada.

