

PARISH NEWS

Did you know that, despite the restrictions on church gatherings, we are continuing to connect with one another, not only by means of our streamed Sunday Masses, but also through Zoom meetings of our Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, Young Adults, Wardens and others. Our Pastoral Team continues to meet weekly, also via Zoom, to plan our liturgies and other activities at present and in the unknown future. We are encouraged by your participation at Mass and at other times, and by your continued financial support. We know that some of our parishioners are struggling financially and we want you to know that through our Becket Food Pantry and Helping Others fund, we can offer help as well as receive.

This past week we were the recipients of two generous gifts, which are not only a boon to our bank balance but also to our morale, as it illustrates the importance of the parish to our people:

- 1) A contribution of \$5,000 from a parishioner.
- 2) A grant from the Pillars Trust to upgrade our equipment for livestreaming our Masses and other events. Pillars has provided support to the English-speaking Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Montreal for almost half a century. Our parishioner Paul Gareau is a member of their Board of Directors.

We are blessed!

THE CNEWA NEEDS OUR HELP



In response to the plea of Pope Francis to remember the vulnerable and the poor during the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) launches today a campaign that invites Canadians to help those most in need who are cared for by the Eastern churches in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe: families living in poverty, children and the elderly, people with special needs, refugees and internally displaced persons. As a registered charity with well-established and rigorous donation policies and programs in countries such as Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Ethiopia, Ukraine and India, CNEWA Canada is able to send money right to the ground – fast. Donations can be made online at cnewa.ca; by phone 1-866-322-4441 or by mail with cheques made payable to CNEWA Canada at 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON K1H 6K9. Donations should be marked “COVID-19 Fund”. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more. An agency of the Holy See, CNEWA works for, through and with the Eastern churches throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, CNEWA provides pastoral and humanitarian support to the churches and people of the East.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 2 TO MAY 10

Saturday	May 2	
		Our Parishioners
Sunday	May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter
		Salvatore Battaglia & Provvidenza Infantino Battaglia Josie & Nancy Battaglia Nina & Jenny Gallo Anna & family
Monday	May 4	
		Albanese Family
Tuesday	May 5	
		Leo Maurice Bluteau Becket Seniors
Wednesday	May 6	
		Magdalena & Nitti Saluzzi & Vincenzo Saluzzi Michelle Figuredo & family
Thursday	May 7	
		John Basciano Mary & Guy Taillon
Friday	May 8	
		Stanley Szuszkowski Linda & Family
Saturday	May 9	
		Felice Destafano
Sunday	May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter
		Our Parishioners Gerry Poisson The Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 3: Salvatore Battaglia & Provvidenza Infantino Battaglia, requested by Josie & Nancy Battaglia.

May 10: Mary Bastone, requested by the family

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO OUR LADY



Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, in this time of pandemic, we turn our gaze to you, and in Christ consecrate to you the faithful of our Diocese/Eparchy together with all the people of Canada.

At the Annunciation, fear gave way to trust as you embraced the mysterious and loving plan of God, who through his providence, care and concern brought about newness of life in you and through you.

Intercede, we pray, on our behalf as your children, Virgin most faithful. Grant us faith, hope and perseverance, as we strive to serve and bear witness to all persons, responding to the needs of those affected by this virus.

Standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary, you united yourself with the sufferings of Christ and so uniquely contributed to the mystery of our redemption.

We beseech you as Health of the sick, draw to yourself in maternal compassion the brothers and sisters of your Son Jesus and all those who are grieved by this pandemic.

Strengthen the dying and comfort those who weep so that all may experience the healing grace of Christ our Divine Physician.

At the Cenacle, after the Resurrection, you accompanied the Apostles with prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

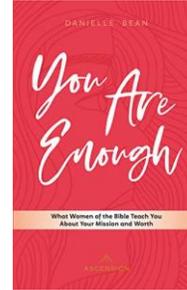
In your maternal care as Consoler of the afflicted, accompany healthcare professionals, all who minister to the sick and those who seek a cure to end this pandemic, that the Holy Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

To all of us, dearest Mary, Mother of all the living, be present and show forth your tenderness, as we raise our eyes to you who shines forth before the entire community as a merciful and compassionate companion on our journey. Time and time again, with burdens weighing heavily on their hearts and in their many necessities, the Christian faithful have sought refuge under your mantle of protection.

Come quickly to our aid at this time, Mother of Mercy, and deliver us from the dangers that surround us in our hour of need; watch over especially the elderly, the weak and the infirm, our children and the unity of our families, and all those who give of themselves selflessly in pastoral care to those in need until in your arms and in your gentle embrace we all find safety and solace.

R. Amen.

WORTHWHILE READING

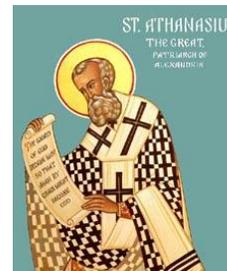


You Are Enough: What Women of the Bible Teach You About Your Mission and Worth by [Danielle Bean](#).

Great Mother's Day gift! Every one of us is made in the image of God. We are unique, we are worthy of love, and we are called to greatness. In this world, though, it can be easy to be distracted from that truth and begin to doubt God's love is real. We live in a world that tells us we are not smart enough, not pretty enough, not sexy enough, not rich enough, not thin enough, and don't have enough friends. It's easy to focus on the ways we fall short of worldly perfection

and to forget that we are already made perfect. We are already enough. God has made each of us for a unique purpose, and he calls each of us to know him in unique ways. In a world where everything feels fleeting and temporary, we are made for everlasting life; we are meant to experience God's abiding love. *You Are Enough*, by Amazon best-selling author Danielle Bean, uses the timeless tales of the Bible to clarify that truth for modern women.

- See how God's love for each of us shines forth through the stories of the women of the Old Testament.
- Connect with the hopes, dreams, struggles, and experiences of these remarkable women.
- Learn how the lives of these women contain valuable lessons for our lives today.
- Find hope and encouragement as you discover that you are enough, you are accepted for who you are as a beloved daughter of God.



FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS – MAY 2

Born at Alexandria in Egypt about 297, Athanasius is one of the Greek Fathers and a Doctor of the Church. He was present at the Council of Nicaea (325), convened to oppose the Arian heresy which denied the divinity of Christ. Bishop of Alexandria and spiritual head of the desert hermits and of Ethiopia, Athanasius was a brilliant and formidable defender of orthodoxy, incurring the wrath of a succession of non-Christian emperors who repeatedly forced him into exile. Athanasius wrote several outstanding treatises on Catholic doctrine, especially on the Incarnation, and introduced monasticism to the West. He died in 373. Through his example, his learning and his writings, he remains one of our greatest teachers. "There were thus two things which the Savior did for us by becoming Man. He banished death from us and made us anew; and, invisible and imperceptible as in Himself He is, He became visible through His works and revealed Himself as the Word of the Father, the Ruler and King of the whole creation."

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket administers all Parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021) 620-6643
Peter Cook (2022) 620-2019
Norman Cousineau (2020) 624-8753
Siro Di Marco (2020) 620-6788
Michelle Figueredo (2021) 694-8879
Michael Sciotto (2022) 626-9550

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald 620-2258
Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath 626-4111 ext 225
Baptism Preparation Team 626-4111
Children's Liturgy Parish Office 626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator - Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930
Greeters: Norma Cook 620-2019
Ushers: Joe Ojeda 941-7914
Lectors: Tobias Koikaran 693-5514
Liturgy Team: Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930
Weekday Sacristan: Anna Donald 620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator - Lino Viegas 620-0750
Choirs: Brendan Kelly 944-7220

Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222
Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi 827-6408
Becket Pantry 626-4111
Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude 463-5991
Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao 630-6586
Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski 695-2616
Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others - Parish Office 626-4111
Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda 941-7914
Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra 695-7896

Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265 or Susan Carroll 887-4365
Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein 825-5198
Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958 or Mary Taillon 450-424-3769
Seniors - Audrey Cassidy 626-3586
Social Club - Rina Callard 695-6995

Resources and Services

A.A. 376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) 866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services 931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine 931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? 344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line) 935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline 1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter 620-4845

Diocesan Website: www.diocesemontreal.org

Parish Hall Rental: Peter Cook 514-620-2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.
Anointing of the Sick: upon request
Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month
Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass
Baptism: Please contact the office.
Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.
Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph
R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath