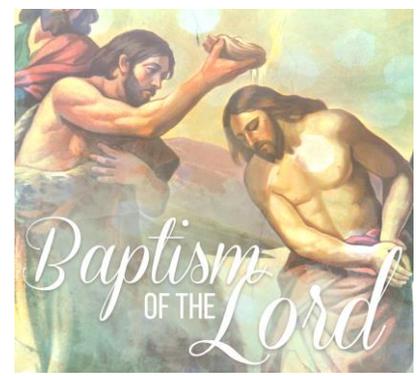


January 10, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 9 TO JANUARY 17

Saturday	Jan. 9	
4:30 pm	Darcy Tigh	Catherine Kelly
5:15 pm	Julie Principe (L)	Kathleen & Tom Heald
Sunday	Jan. 10	The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am	James Tille	Marie
11:00am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Jan. 11	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
9:30 am	Helton Pachake	Tom Verghen
Tuesday	Jan. 12	
8:30 am	Mary Taillon	Pat Fahey
9:30 am	Maurice Guenette	Marie
Wednesday	Jan. 13	
8:30 am	Brenda Fitzpatrick	Geraldine Zemanovitch
9:30 am	James Tille	Marie
Thursday	Jan. 14	
8:30 am	Dr. Jose Almeida	Philomena Carvalho
9:30 am	Maria G. Cabral (L)	Kathleen & Tom Heald
Friday	Jan. 15	
8:30 am	Mary Taillon	Lise Emsley
10:30 am	Erlina Torres	The Family
Saturday	Jan. 16	
4:30 pm	Guglielmo & Adele Bertoli	Their Children
5:15 pm	Joseph Kavumpurathu	Shaju & Joseph
Sunday	Jan. 17	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Felicia Samugana	Peter & Norma Cook

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

January 10: The Casey Family, requested by Louise & Don Casey

January 17: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by the family.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Maureen Kelly, wife of Bill Kelly; Albert Emanuel Shomali, father of Amal Shomali.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 12/13: Offerings: \$ 8,262.00 Religious Education \$ 810.00

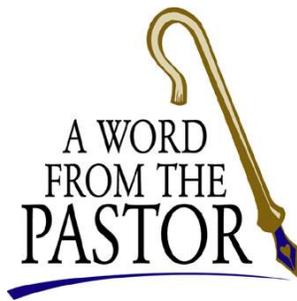
Dec. 19/20: Offerings: \$ 5,912.00

Dec. 24/25: Offerings: \$ 11,113.00

Dec. 26/27: Offerings: \$ 10,428.52 Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 1,480.00

Jan. 1: Offerings: \$ 2,615.00

Jan. 2/3: \$ 5,715.00

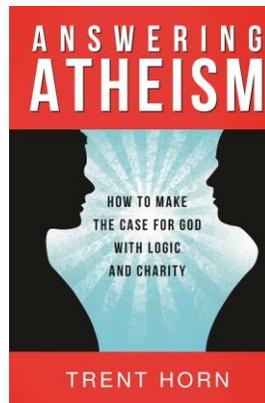


This year's post-holiday thank you is a little different, because there are no altar servers or choirs operating at the moment. We owe great and lasting gratitude, however, to the volunteer teams of greeters and ushers who warmly greet you at the doors of the church and do everything to keep you safe; to the sacristans who spend countless hours beautifying our church and hall sanctuaries, and those supplying flowers and other decorations; to the volunteer musicians who add another form of beauty to our liturgies; and to our

lectors who bring us the Word of God. Nor do we forget our dedicated employees who are willing to pivot regularly as they carry out their mandates in often changing circumstances.

I am personally very grateful for Father Jaison who quietly expresses his love and care for our people in many ways, and with whom I am privileged to serve you. Fr. Jaison joins me in thanking so many of you for your prayers, good wishes and words of encouragement over the past months, and for the many cards, gifts and food with which you showered us at Christmas. Clearly, despite all the challenges of this year, we are, all of us, truly blessed. Let us always strive to be grateful in all circumstances. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever.

WORTHWHILE READING



Answering Atheism: How to Make the Case for God with Logic and Charity by Trent Horn

Today's New Atheists don't just deny God's existence (as the old atheists did) - they consider it their duty to scorn and ridicule religious belief. We don't need new answers for this aggressive modern strain of unbelief: We need a new approach. In *Answering Atheism*, Trent Horn responds with a fresh and useful resource for the God debate, based on reason, common sense, and more importantly, a charitable approach that respects atheists' sincerity and good will, making this book suitable not just for believers but for skeptics and seekers too. Meticulously researched, and street-tested in Horn's

work as a pro-God apologist, it tackles all the major issues of the debate, including:

- Reconciling human evil and suffering with the existence of a loving, all-powerful God
- Whether the empirical sciences have eliminated the need for God, or in fact point to him
- How atheists usually deny moral laws (and thus a moral lawgiver) in theory

WHAT DID YOU SAY?



If you sometimes find it hard to hear the readers or the priests during Mass, our new installation makes it easy. When in church, tune in on your cell phone or portable radio to 97.3 FM, plug in your headphones, and you can listen as loud as you wish. This works for Masses celebrated in the church, but not the hall. It also allows you to listen in the parking lot on your car radio.

A DIFFERENT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Invite a friend/neighbour/relative to join you at Mass. There are many struggling, spiritually hungry people out there. And if you can, phone or visit an isolated person.

EXCERPT FROM *PATRIS CORDE*, POPE FRANCIS' DOCUMENT ON ST. JOSEPH



"Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his

own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow. The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (Job 2:10).

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.

Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely. Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning. Our lives can be miraculously reborn if we find the courage to live them in accordance with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (1 Jn 3:20)."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean." Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, former chief rabbi of Great Britain, who died on November 8, 2020.

FOR BETTER & FOREVER! An invitation to: **The Marriage Preparation Course.** All couples considering marriage (whether currently engaged or not) are encouraged to learn how to lay the foundation for a relationship that will last a lifetime. The Marriage Preparation Course is ideal for couples who wish to discover more about themselves and married life, before the day they say "I do!" The key to having a great marriage is not finding the right spouse, but being the right spouse! You are invited to join us over 5 weekly sessions, via ZOOM video gathering, on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 pm, starting January 19, and ending February 16. There is absolutely no group work and all discussions remain completely private between you and your partner.

This course is free of charge, except for the cost of 2 course journals (approx. \$15 each) which are necessary, and are to be purchased prior to the start of the course.

To register or for more information, please contact Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or at kahndyra@sympatico.ca.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish 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	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	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
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
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

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