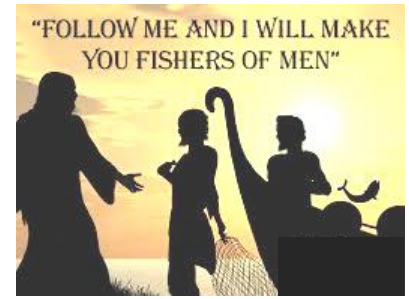


# January 24, 2021

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 23 TO JANUARY 31**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b>	
	Tim Kelly	The Family
	Gordon Mitchell	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Marie Karrize de la Cruz & family (L)	Karan Cabebe
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</b>
	Donny Coelho (L)	Juliette Coelho
	Anna Pine	Cheryl & Mike
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 26</b>	
	Dean Stock	Mom, Dad & Family
	Joan Pine	Cheryl & Mike
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 27</b>	
	Mary Whyte	Tom Whyte
	Rene Buan	Rita Buan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 28</b>	
	Maria Bastone	Gian Bastone
	Maureen Kelly	Anna Donald
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	
	Anna Donald & Family (L)	Julia Principe
	Albert Shomali	Carole & Kevin Shanahan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 30</b>	
	Mary Taillon	Janet Arts
	For the sick of the parish	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Billy Tille	Marie
11:00	Our Parishioners	

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### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

January 24: Donny Coelho, requested by Juliette Coelho

January 31: Armando Campanella, requested by Palmina Campanella

**THANK YOU FROM THE HELPING OTHERS COMMITTEE** for your very generous donations to the Helping Others Fund this year, and for your non-perishable donations to Becket pantry. The monetary donations are distributed to local and international charities that share our mission, and are also used to buy grocery gift cards to supplement the food baskets we deliver year-round to the needy in our community. This year, because of Covid-19 restrictions, we decided to give needy families gifts cards instead of Christmas Baskets. Your generosity helped us to provide for 25 families this Christmas. Thank you also for your overwhelming support of the Benedict Labre House gift card collection. We delivered a Santa-sized sack of gift cards to the Labre House shelter, which were distributed to the homeless during their annual Christmas dinner.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS JANUARY 4 - 17**

Offerings: \$7,849.00; Helping Others: \$1,535.00; Sts. Peter and Paul: \$35.00

## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: “Ignorance of the

Scriptures is ignorance of Christ”. . . With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a Sunday of the Word of God. . . The Second Vatican Council gave great impulse to the rediscovery of the word of God, thanks to its Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*. The Constitution clearly expounds the nature of sacred Scripture, its transmission from generation to generation, its divine inspiration embracing the Old and New Testaments, and the importance of Scripture for the life of the Church. It is fitting, then, that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness. Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity. . . . May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: “This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance” (Dt 30:14).

See the complete document of Pope Francis at <https://tinyurl.com/yx3btq7y>

## WORDS OF WISDOM

“Within marriage the careful, painstaking, selfless cultivation of friendship with one's spouse is not only the most joyful and rewarding of endeavors but also the most practical of occupations — "practical" that is, if what one envisions in one's life as the most desirable thing is not career success or money or fame or comfort or reputation, but joy in love resulting from great length of days spent in the company of one's beloved.”

*Fr. Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis*

## CALLING ALL HEALTHY SENIORS AGED 65 YEARS & OLDER



MUHC Vaccine Study Centre, located in Pierrefonds is presently recruiting healthy seniors aged 65 years & older for a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial. Please help the MUHC researchers find a solution to stopping this deadly virus. Call: 514-624-7855 or Email your full name, date of birth and phone number(s) to:

[coordinators.vsc@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:coordinators.vsc@muhc.mcgill.ca)

In the subject line, write “Helping research” Thank you!

## THE 2021 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



is celebrated from 18 to 25 January. During this period, Christians are invited to pray for reconciliation and unity within the Church. With over 100 years of history, this octave of prayer

is a period set aside for Christians around the world to jointly pray for visible Christian unity and move closer towards the fulfillment of Jesus' Last Supper prayer "that they all may be one." The theme for this year 2021, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit," is inspired by John 15: 5-9. It was chosen to express the Christian community's vocation to pray and work for reconciliation and unity within the Church, our human family and all of creation. Pope Francis wrote. "One thing is certain, unity is not chiefly the result of our activity, but a gift of the Holy Spirit. Yet, unity will not come about as a miracle at the very end. Rather, unity comes about in journeying; the Holy Spirit does this on the journey." The Holy Father recalled that the Second Vatican Council "recognized that the movement for the restoration of unity among all Christians arose by the grace of the Holy Spirit," and it taught that the Spirit, while "distributing various kinds of spiritual gifts and ministries," is "the principle of the Church's unity." He said that "legitimate diversity is in no way opposed to the Church's unity, but rather enhances her splendour and contributes greatly to the fulfillment of her mission." Pope Francis is scheduled to preside over Vespers with other Christian leaders to mark the closing of this 54th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Monday, 25 January. As always, that ceremony will take place in the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls, the papal basilica that is traditionally dedicated to ecumenical events and liturgies. In his letter for the anniversary of the encyclical, Pope Francis urged all believers to "give thanks to the Lord for the journey he has allowed us to travel as Christians in quest of full communion."

The Christian Unity Fellowship of Montreal's West Island (of which St. Thomas à Becket is a member) is hosting a bilingual service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. And you're invited. On Sunday January 24 @ 4:00. Hymns, prayers, and readings celebrating the things that connect us as brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us on Zoom on your computer, tablet or phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88471701945>

## FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: January 25



St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centres of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in 66, and his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way.

## 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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

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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