

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 6 TO MARCH 14

Saturday	Mar 6	
4:00 pm	Tommy Stock	Cathy, Phil & family
5:15 pm	Teresa Angeline Samuel	Cynthia Arulanandam
Sunday	Mar 7	Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Johanna Buccongello	Christine Agombar
Monday	Mar 8	
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush Heald	Rose Martins
9:30 am	Guy Taillon	Angela Colford
Tuesday	Mar 9	
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	Family
9:30 am	Mary & Guy Taillon	Christine & Pierre Charron
Wednesday	Mar 10	
8:30 am	Arthur Casey	Louise & Don Casey
9:30 am	Erika Ratneiya & Maria Giuseppa Priolo	Family
Thursday	Mar 11	
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush-Heald	Becket CWL
9:30 am	Teresa Angeline Samuel	Cynthia Arulanandan
Friday	Mar 12	
8:30 am	Maureen Kelly	Lise Emsley
9:30 am	Guy Taillon	Maria G. Cabral
Saturday	Mar 13	
4:00 pm	Maureen Kelly	Janet Arts
5:15 pm	Agnes O'Donnell	Marie Foggo & family
Sunday	Mar 14	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Maureen Kelly	The Redmond family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

March 7: Patrick Guerrero-Belmar, requested by Luciano Guerrero

March 14: Mary Whyte, requested by Tom Whyte

WHAT ABOUT THOSE TAX RECEIPTS?

Our bookkeeper, Elizabeth Barroso, is offering the following options during this pandemic season.

Her coordinates are (514) 626-4111, ext. 226 or becketpad@gmail.com

- 1) Contact Elizabeth on Mondays or Tuesdays to have the receipt mailed or emailed.
- 2) Contact the parish office (Monday to Friday) to advise us you wish to pick up your receipt (514) 626-4111.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 27/28

Offerings: \$ 2,869.00 Building Fund: \$ 195.00

Next special collection - March 14 - Helping Others

REFLECTIONS ON FORGIVENESS & MERCY (Part 2)



But if justice is a good thing, why would I simply walk away from it when it comes to my own needs?

You shouldn't. It's always reasonable to insist on being treated fairly and honestly, and we're obliged to treat others in the same way. Unfortunately, you and I and everyone else are also sinners-which means that, inevitably, we'll treat others unjustly and be treated unjustly ourselves. As a result, life can very

quickly become a web of angry claims and counter-claims against each other, many of them just, and most of them unresolvable. The only way to cut our way out of this tangle is to forgive. Forgiveness is an act of freedom. It creates new possibilities. It frees us from the burden of our own wounded selfishness, and it releases others to forgive and get free as well. Handing our claims over to God unburdens us of a huge weight - a weight which will cripple us, no matter how legitimate our complaints, if we carry it too long. We always work more effectively for justice on behalf of others. When it comes to our own personal situation, the self always gets in the way and clouds our judgment. The great paradox of God's plan is that we only achieve justice through the practice of mercy. Mercy changes both the giver and the receiver. It softens the hardened heart. That's why Scripture so often likens mercy to water in a desert: It brings new life. It encourages conversion and love, which breed acts of justice, which builds peace. So if you want justice for yourself and for others, forgive. Put mercy first. Justice will follow. ~ *Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia*

AN INVITATION TO THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Looking for an intimate and effective way to make your marriage stronger, healthier and last a lifetime? *Any* marriage can be made better. Whether you have a strong marriage, or perhaps struggling, you will learn the valuable tools necessary to overcome the issues you are facing, and thrive into the future.

Over the course of seven evenings, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, and privately discussing the topics covered each evening. There are absolutely no group discussions. Think of it as a "date" night with your spouse!

The course will be held via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 pm, beginning March 23, and ending May 4, 2021. The only cost involves the on-line purchase of the course study journal, approximately \$30 per couple. To register, or for more information, please contact Nathalie & John Bondyra, at 514-695-7896, or at kahndyra@sympatico.ca.

COMMEMORATION OF COVID-19 VICTIMS: Thursday, March 11

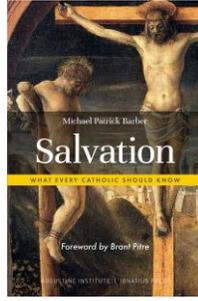


The Quebec government has decreed March 11 as a national day of commemoration for the victims of COVID-19, and the diocese has invited parishes to participate. All the initiatives will be publicized by the government.

St. Thomas à Becket will participate in these ways on that day:

- 1) We will include an intention for the victims of COVID-19 in the Mass intentions of the 8:30 and 9:30 Masses.
- 2) The rosary following the 9:30 Mass will be offered for the victims and those who mourn them. We will encourage those at home to pray the rosary at the same time.
- 3) A small shrine will be erected in the parish hall where those attending the Masses may leave a candle (which must be in a protective glass or plastic container), a flower, card or commemorative object. Others may pass by from 10:00 to 1:00 to do the same (entry and exit only via the parish hall doors)

WORTHWHILE READING



Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know by Michael Patrick Barber

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this robust and accessible book, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. He deftly tackles this complex topic, unpacking what the New Testament teaches about salvation in Christ, detailing what exactly salvation is, and what it is not. In easy and readable prose, he explains what the Cross, the Church, and the Trinity have to do with salvation. While intellectually stimulating, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know* is deeply spiritual, and at its core is the salvific message that God is love, and his love is one of transformation and redemption.

Michael Patrick Barber is Associate Professor of Theology and Scripture at the Augustine Institute in Denver, CO. In addition to teaching, academic research, and publishing, he also gives popular-level presentations at Catholic conferences and parish events around the United States.

NO MEAT ON FRIDAYS OF LENT?

You know you are in a Catholic town when, only during Lent, every single restaurant advertises one item on their menu: fish! I have even noticed how major fast-food chains point out on their fliers the date of Ash Wednesday! Suddenly everyone cares about the liturgical seasons of the Church! So why is it that the Church instructs Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays (as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), but gives the “thumbs-up” for Catholics to eat fish? Sounds fishy to me!

First of all we must ask the question, “why Friday?” Since it is believed Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross on a Friday, Christians from the very beginning have set aside that day to unite their sufferings to Jesus. This led the Church to recognize every Friday as a “Good Friday” where Christians can remember Christ’s passion by offering up a specific type of penance. For much of the Church’s history meat was singled out as a worthy sacrifice on account of its association with feasts and celebrations. In most ancient cultures meat was considered a delicacy and the “fattened calf” was not slaughtered unless there was something to celebrate. Since Fridays were thought of as a day of penance and mortification, eating meat on a Friday to “celebrate” the death of Christ didn’t seem right

But why is fish not considered “meat”? According to the American bishops, the laws of the Church classify the abstinence from “land animals, such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs. Birds are also considered meat. Fish, on the other hand, are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted. In ancient cultures, fish was not usually considered a “celebratory” meal and was more of a penance to eat. Our current culture is much different as meat is generally considered the cheaper option on the menu and no longer has the cultural connection to celebrations. This is why many people are confused about the regulations, especially those who love to eat fish and do not consider it a penance. In the end, the Church’s intention is to encourage the faithful to offer up a sacrifice to God that comes from the heart and unites one’s suffering to that of Christ on the cross. Meat is given as the very basic penance, while the purpose of the regulation should always be kept in mind. For example, it does not necessarily give a person the license to eat a lobster dinner every Friday in Lent. The whole point is to make a sacrifice that draws a person closer to Christ, who out of love for us made the ultimate sacrifice a person can make.

~ *By Philip Kosloski*

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