

Palm Sunday and Easter April 2 & 9 2023



MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 1 TO APRIL 16

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	April 1		
4:30 pm	Yves Deslauriers		Maggy & Rod Berezuk
Sunday	April 2	Palm Sunday	
9:00 am	Henry Redmond		Ashley Redmond
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	April 3		
8:30 am	Elaine Leclerc		Claire Hayes
Tuesday	April 4		
8:30 am	Thomas Whyte		Andy & Betty Quinn
Wednesday	April 5		
8:30 am	Christine & Pierre Charron (L)		Julia Principe
Thursday	April 6	Holy Thursday	
7:00 pm	Rita Munro		The Redmond Family
Friday	April 7	Good Friday	
3:00 pm	No Mass - Liturgy of the Passion		
Saturday	April 8	Easter Vigil	
8:00 pm	Italo Falcone		Falcone Family
Sunday	April 9	Easter Sunday	
9:00 am	George Dziarmaga		Ramona & family
9:00 am (Hall)	The sick of the Parish		
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am (Hall)	Fr. Robert Assaly		St. Thomas à Becket Parish
Monday	April 10		
8:30 am	Maria Conceicao Pereira & Emidio Campanella		Maria G. Cabral Palmina Colacci
Tuesday	April 11		
8:30 am	Helen Niznik		Peter and Norma Cook
Wednesday	April 12		
8:30 am	Nigel Retchless		Maria Raffa
Thursday	April 13		
8:30 am	Helen Niznik		Gerry Themens
Friday	April 14		
8:30 am	Anna Kojoian (L)		Juliette Coelho

Saturday	April 15	
4:30 pm	Carl Scichili	Philip and Alice Miceli
Sunday	April 16	Second Sunday of Easter – (Divine Mercy)
9:00 am	Mark Julius Coelho & Douglas Menezes	Donny & Patricia Coelho
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP

April 2: Julie and Craig, requested by Anna Donald

April 9: Helena Owczar Niznik, requested by Rina & Willy

April 16: Father Robert Clark (L) and Father Robert Assaly, requested by Anna and Denyse

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Raymond Cormier, husband of the late Carole Crockett, father of Cindy, Stacey, John and the late Eric.

Father Robert Assaly, Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish

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 their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

March 20: Offerings: \$ 5,236.90 Building Maintenance Fund: \$3,402

March 27: Offerings: \$ 4,572.00 Development & Peace: \$ 1,285.00
Lighting Renewal Project to date: \$17,000.

Upcoming special collections: April 6 - Holy Thursday
April 7 - Good Friday
April 9 - Building Maintenance Fund

CWL SPRING LUNCHEON RETREAT – April 29, 9:00am -1:00pm, in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker, Sister Pat O’Neil, SNJM, will speak on the topic of “Women who are Called and Blessed”. Lunch is provided. \$25 per person. For tickets contact Wanda: 514-771-7000, or e-transfer to Barbara at beketcwl@gmail.com

BECKET'S MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS RESUME! For over 30 years we have been celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries at St. Thomas à Becket Parish. For the past three years Covid restrictions have prevented us from celebrating our annual Marriage Jubilee. So, this year, we are inviting ALL couples, who celebrated a milestone anniversary (5, 10, 15 etc....years of marriage) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to join us at our Marriage Jubilee on May 5 & 6. Come celebrate your special anniversary with us as you witness to God’s love in the world. For information or sign up, call Rina at 514-915-7586.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: We invite you to donate toward our Easter Flower Fund for your personal intentions. Donations may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the Easter flower box. Please include: name of your intention or loved one(s) along with your name (donor). Please include your parish envelope number if you have one. Names of loved ones and intentions will be included in upcoming Easter bulletins.



PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND - GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us



HOW TO ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK



Holy Week enables us to walk step by step with Jesus through His Passion. The actions of Holy Week do not just symbolize what happened two thousand years ago, but through the mystical time of the liturgy enable us to enter into them and participate in the realities that present us.

Beginning with **Palm Sunday**, we literally greet Christ in His procession into Jerusalem with palms, along with the crowds and children, singing Hosanna and acclaiming Christ's kingship. We recognize that the blessed one who comes in the name of the Lord has entered into our midst. Palm Sunday becomes Passion Sunday as we read the Gospel account of the Passion and literally shout: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Those dreadful words show that He truly died for our sins – our sins have brought our Savior to this moment.

On **Wednesday** of Holy Week, priests renew their priestly promises at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

Holy or Maundy Thursday, named for the mandate that Jesus gave His disciples at the Last Supper, begins the great liturgical drama of the Triduum. Jesus invites us into His mission of self-gift for others, flowing from the Father's love. We commemorate the great gifts of the priesthood and the Eucharist.

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass we begin our accompaniment of Jesus through His Passion. His sacramental body is processed away from the altar, representing His captivity, as it is stripped, and conveyed through a solemn procession to the altar of repose, where we try to make good the failure of the Apostles in the Garden to keep watch even for one hour.

Prayer, silence, and fasting make **Good Friday** a particularly powerful day for uniting ourselves to the Cross. The hours between twelve and three on Good Friday, when Jesus hung on the Cross, have been considered a sacred time for prayer and silence. In our parish, we walk through the streets of Pierrefonds with a large cross. The culmination of the day comes in another liturgical reading of the Passion and our veneration of the Cross.

There is a different kind of silence that settles over the world on **Holy Saturday**: God is dead and we await with sorrowful anticipation the triumph of Christ. In the midst of the darkness of the sinful world, the light of the Vigil fire breaks forth, representing the new life and the renewal of faith as it carries through the church. The Vigil brings new life to the initiated, while everyone embraces the fruits of the Resurrection as they renew their baptismal vows.

And then comes the celebration!

By R. Jared Staudt

USED LAPTOPS AND SMARTPHONES are needed for a school in Uganda. If you have a phone or laptop to donate please contact Fr. David at 514-213-5778. Please set your laptop/smartphone back to factory settings if possible, before donating.

*Christ is risen! Alleluia Alleluia!
He is truly risen! Alleluia Alleluia!*

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 (2024)	620-6643	Cindy Finn	(2024)	624-0546
Frank Vissani (2025)	998-0311	Michelle Figueredo	(2023)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2023)	624-8753	Michael Randall	(2025)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Head Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Faith Formation	Elsa Rivera	626-4111
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Catholic Women's League:	Yasmin Ramsammy	463-1146
Community Aid	Parish Office	626-4111
Couples for Christ:	Don & Irene Salvanera	620-1319
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Responsible Pastoral Ministry:	Rina Callard	626-4111
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
Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints	752-4683
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Spiritual Support Line	1-888-305-0994
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 903-6200 or one of our priests

HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015