

20th and 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20 & 27, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS – AUGUST 19 TO AUGUST 27

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	August 19	
4:30 pm	Joseph Morielli	Julie and Family
Sunday	August 20	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Linda Fernandes	Ron & Joy Pinto
Monday	August 21	
8:30 am	Maria, Ida, Gabriel and Amerigo Pianese	Teresa and family
Tuesday	August 22	
8:30 am	Eugenia Sanzari Abate	Pina Sanzari
Wednesday	August 23	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Donny and Patricia Coelho
Thursday	August 24	
8:30 am	Evelyn Mitchell & Audrey Francis	The Principe family
Friday	August 25	
8:30 am	Dan Murphy	Rose Martins
Saturday	August 26	
4:30 pm	Maureen Marolly	Marolly Family
Sunday	August 27	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Gregorina & Peter D'Cruz	Philomena & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	August 28	
8:30 am	Father Peter Sabbath (L)	Denyse Fournier
Tuesday	August 29	
8:30 am	Greg Cussen	Betty & Andy Quinn
Wednesday	August 30	
8:30 am	Frankie D'Souza	D'Souza & Roche Families
Thursday	August 31	
8:30 am	Alison Lee Loy	Ann Cox
Friday	September 1	
8:30 am	Domenico Sauro	Michelina Castiglione
Saturday	September 2	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	September 3	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Oreste Pulice and Rina Reda	The Family
11:00 am	Greg Cussen	Gloria Della Rocca

SANCTUARY LAMP

August 20: Eugenia Sanzari Abate, requested by Peter Rousseau

August 27: Maureen Marolly, requested by Marolly Family

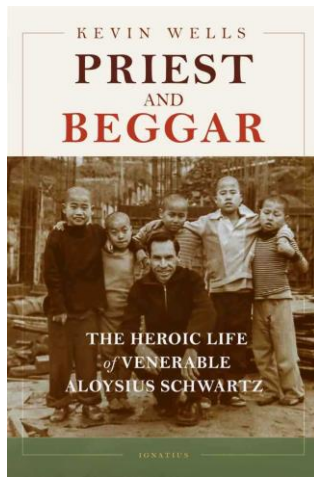
September 3: Raymond Silas (L), requested by Marilyn Gonsalves

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

Remi Perron, husband of Dina; Sandor Marta, father of Elizabeth.

WORTHWHILE READING

Priest and Beggar: The Heroic Life of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz by Kevin Wells



In 1957, at twenty-seven years old, Father Aloysius Schwartz of Washington, D.C., asked to be sent to one of the saddest places in the world: South Korea in the wake of the Korean War. Just a few months into his priesthood, he stepped off the train in Seoul into a dystopian film. Squatters with blank stares picked through hills of garbage. Paper-fleshed orphans lay on the streets like leftover war shrapnel. The scenes pierced him. Within just fifteen years, Father Schwartz changed the course of Korean history, founding and reforming orphanages, hospitals, hospices, clinics, schools, and the Sisters of Mary, a Korean religious order dedicated to the sickest of the sick and the poorest of the poor. All the while, he himself—like the Sisters—lived the same hard

poverty as the people he served and loved.

Biographer Kevin Wells tells the story of a different kind of American hero, an ordinary priest who stared down corruption, slander, persecution, and death for the sake of God's poor. "What Father Al managed to do is beyond the pale", said his longtime collaborator Monsignor James Golasinski. "He was the boldest man I ever knew. He feared nothing."

Known for his joy and his humour, even in the teeth of Lou Gehrig's disease, Schwartz was declared a Servant of God by Pope Francis in 2015. By the time of his death in 1992, his work with the Sisters of Mary had spread to the Philippines and Mexico; and since then, the Sisters have founded Boystowns and Girlstowns across Central and South America, as well as in Tanzania. Father Schwartz died calling out to his beloved Mary, the Virgin of the Poor, saying, "All praise, honor, and glory for anything good accomplished in my life goes to her and to her alone."

Kevin Wells is a Catholic writer, speaker, and former sports reporter with the Tampa Tribune, where he covered major-league baseball. Wells is currently the president of the Monsignor Thomas Wells Society for Vocations. He also serves as Director of Public Relations for World Villages of Children, which supports the works of Fr. Al Schwartz. His work with youths earned him the James Cardinal Hickey National Figure Award from the Archdiocese of Washington. He lives in Millersville, Md., with his wife and three children.

PARISH PICNIC organized by the Becket Social Club Sunday, August 27, after the 11:00 am Mass. Bring your picnic lunch, bring your chairs, games, and meet us on the church grounds. If it is raining we will be in the parish hall. Hope to see you! For more information please call Rina 514-915-7586.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

August 6: Offerings: \$5,320.00

August 13: Offerings: \$4,940.00 Religious Education: \$1337.00

Upcoming special collections: August 27 - Building Maintenance Fund

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS BACK!!



We are happy to announce that we will be resuming the Children's Choir at St. Thomas à Becket, led by Kimberley Ricafort, starting Sunday, September 10 at the 9:00 Mass. Practices are before Mass. This is an opportunity for the children to be part of the community and learn about teamwork, all the while having fun and making friendships that may last a lifetime. Please note that this also counts as volunteer work if your child's school requires some logged hours within the school year. Children's

Choir registration is required (and free). A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board. An Orientation Meeting will take place Saturday, September 9, after the 4:30pm Mass for both parents & children.

ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED?

Congratulations! Now's the time to sign up for marriage preparation classes and contact Fr. Peter psabbath@gmail.com or 514-626-4111. The weekend sessions will be held at St. Thomas à Becket Church Hall in November and April.

More details available here:
<https://tinyurl.com/5jut48yh>



“YES, DUST TO DUST ... BUT NOT COMPOSTED



The process of human composting—also known as natural organic reduction (NOR)—is a relatively new phenomenon in the U.S. and is legal in a handful of states. When a body is composted, it is placed in a reusable container where microbes and bacteria decompose it into soil over the course of

30–45 days. The resulting soil can then be used on private land, such as on a farm or garden, and otherwise would be subject to the same restrictions as scattering cremated remains. California's Catholic conference of Bishops expressed opposition to the bill, stating that the use of a body composting method originally developed for farm animals creates an “unfortunate spiritual, emotional, and psychological distancing from the deceased.” In addition, the process “reduces the human body to simply a disposable commodity,” not to mention the risk of disease from composted remains. NOR is not currently available in Canada.

The Catholic Church does not have an official teaching on the composting of human bodies but has weighed in many times over the years on the practice of cremation. While discouraged, cremation can be permissible under certain restrictions; notably, the remains are not to be scattered, nor kept in the home or preserved in mementos or jewelry, and must be kept in a sacred place such as in a cemetery or church, out of reverence for the Church's teaching on the eventual resurrection of the body. By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity.

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