

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time  
 September 3 & 10  
 2023



**MASS INTENTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2 TO SEPTEMBER 17**

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 2</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Oreste Pulice and Rina Reda	The Family
11:00 am	Greg Cussen	Gloria Della Rocca
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 4</b>	
8:30 am	Ephrem Carrier	Denyse Fournier
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 5</b>	
8:30 am	Terry St. Louis	The Merlo Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 6</b>	
8:30 am	Mary Whyte	Joan Hopkirk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 7</b>	
8:30 am	John McCallion	Andy & Betty Quinn
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 8</b>	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:30 am	Joan Hopkirk (L)	Anna Donald
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 9</b>	
4:30 pm	Mary-Ann Noronha	D' Lima Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Juliette Coelho	Anna Donald
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 11</b>	
8:30 am	Albanese family	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 12</b>	
8:30 am	Pat Kendall (L)	Lise Emsley
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 13</b>	
8:30 am	Robert and Teresita Demers	Ted Patricio
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
8:30 am	Stylianios & Calliopi Constantatos	Steven Constantatos
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 15</b>	
8:30 am	Leo Fernandes	Ron & Joy Pinto
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 16</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Emilio De Grazia	The Family
11:00 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Donny & Patricia Coelho

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING** will take place on Monday, September 11 in the parish hall after the recitation of the Rosary. New members are most welcome.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

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

**September 10:** Sean Valero Richardson, requested by the Richardson Family

**September 17:** Luigia Maman Mio, requested by The Mio & Vaincourt Families

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

Makram Ebeid, husband of Antoinette

Albert Koikaran, father of Tobias

## REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FIRST CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Our program is family-based with a hybrid approach to faith education. We offer Sacramental preparation to children in grades 1 through 6 as well as a high school program to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation. Registration is ongoing. For more information on our program please visit [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca) We hope you will join our Becket Faith First Family, "Where Faith Grows".

## THE 2023 MCGILL UNIVERSITY BIRKS LECTURES



Fr. Joseph White, O.P., Rector of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, will give two lectures, with a reception to follow the first.

**Monday 18 Sept. at 5:30:** "On the Trinity: The Human Drive for Ultimate Explanations and the Intellectual Search for the Presence of God"

**Tuesday 19 Sept. at 5:30:** "Chalcedonian

Christology and Philosophical Metaphysics"

School of Religious Studies (Birks Building), 3520 University Street, Montreal

Contact: 514 398 4121, [douglas.farrow@mcgill.ca](mailto:douglas.farrow@mcgill.ca)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**August 20:** Offerings: \$4,670.00

**August 27:** Offerings: \$4,785.00 Building Maintenance Fund: \$1,337.00

Upcoming special collections: September 10 - Helping Others  
September 17 - Building Maintenance Fund  
September 24 - Needs of the Canadian Church

## STRENGTH IN VULNERABILITY



"Marriage is really hard because it involves laying down the walls and barriers that you naturally build up over the years to protect yourself from people's attacks and criticisms, and now all of a sudden you are in this relationship with somebody where you can't go anywhere. The temptation is to continually raise a wall and keep yourself separate from this spouse so that he or she can't hurt you, so I think the challenge of marriage is laying down those walls, those weapons and being vulnerable before the other. Being vulnerable with your spouse is essentially saying 'Here I am. If you wanted to crush me, you could. You know everything about me, you know my heart. You really could hurt me with the information you have, so please don't.' It's a difficult thing to give yourself to another sinful human being, but vulnerability is key.

This is something those not yet married may not understand, but when we first meet someone and fall in love and get engaged and get married, we know

intellectually that that person is not God, we know intellectually that that person cannot satisfy all my desires, but I think we kind of think that. Within a year or ten years, we realize that this woman, however beautiful she is, she is a fallen daughter of Eve, and I am a fallen son of Adam, and so I cannot go to her and expect her to give me only what God can give me. I also can't go to her with that deepest question of my heart, namely, who am I? These deep questions about identity and purpose cannot come from your spouse, they have to come from God. When I am at my best, I want to bring my strength to her, to anticipate her needs and to know what she needs even when she doesn't, and to satisfy those needs. When I am weak, I go looking for something from her to satisfy something in me. To be continually open and vulnerable with your spouse is difficult but is a beautiful thing, so that you can continue to grow in friendship."

*Matt Fradd said these words while reflecting on his 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He is a Byzantine Catholic and the creator and host of the very popular Pints With Aquinas podcast. He is the author and coauthor of several books. Matt earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in philosophy from Holy Apostles College & Seminary which also awarded him an honorary doctorate. A native of Australia, he lives in Steubenville, Ohio, with his wife Cameron and their four kids.*

**SERVE WITH COMPASSION:** Discover the vocation of the Permanent Diaconate. A "Come and See" evening is being offered on Thursday, September 21, 7:30 to 9:00 pm at Grand Séminaire de Montréal for men considering the Permanent Diaconate Info: rleblanc@diocesemontreal.org

**SAINT-RAPHAËL-ARCHANGE OPEN HOUSE AND ORGAN RECITAL:** All are invited to an Open House at Église Saint-Raphaël-Archange, L'Île-Bizard on September 8 and 9. Guided visits, art history symposium, and organ recital are offered. Freewill donation. Info: paroisse-saint-raphael.org

#### **EIGHT AMAZING FACTS ABOUT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023**

- 1) A million and a half young people at the Vigil and Closing Mass of the world's greatest Catholic event. The organizing team of Lisbon's World Youth Day reported that the forecast revolved around 800,000 participants, but for the Vigil and for the closing Mass itself the data was overwhelmed by almost double.
- 2) Although held in Lisbon, Portugal, there were two countries with more young people ahead of Portugal (which had a total of 43,742 young participants): they were Spain (77,224) and Italy (59,469). France was in the fourth place (42,482) and the United States in the fifth (19,196).
- 3) Present were the greatest concentration of Bishops and Priests in one place: Almost 700 Bishops, 30 of them Cardinals, and 10,000 priests participated at the closing Mass.
- 4) A total of 1,753 young people with some form of disability (intellectual or of mobility) participated. Of that total, 135 were deaf and 241 were blind.
- 5) There were 25,000 volunteers. And 8,831 families opened their homes to offer hospitality to 28,618 pilgrims.
- 6) A total of almost 5,000 journalists were accredited to cover Lisbon's WYD.
- 7) 17,980 trees were planted.
- 8) In the Park of Joy, where at a certain moment one morning the Pope sat to hear confessions, there were 2,000 priests hearing confessions almost every day.

**PARISH BAZAAR & COMMUNITY GARAGE:** Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 am to 5 pm in the parish hall and parking lot. Tables available to rent: Michelle 514-862-5591. Donations accepted – drop off on Sept 14 & 15. Info: becket.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 (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

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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
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

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### 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

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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
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

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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**