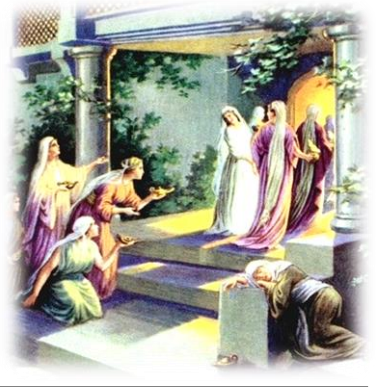


32nd and 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12 & 19 2023



MASS INTENTIONS – NOVEMBER 12 TO NOVEMBER 19

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Saturday	November 11	
4:30 pm	Patrick Guerrero	Patricia & Luciano Guerrero.
Sunday	November 12	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Luigi Di Caprio	Rosalia Di Caprio & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	November 13	
8:30 am	Mario Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Tuesday	November 14	
8:30 am	Kathleen Toomey	Betty & Andy Quinn
Wednesday	November 15	
8:30 am	Cizalitina Pereira	Maria G. Cabral
Thursday	November 16	
8:30 am	Marie Beatrix M. Reyes (L)	Joseph & Cynthia Reyes
Friday	November 17	
8:30 am	Janice Babb	Maria G. Cabral
Saturday	November 18	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	November 19	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	The Legionaries, deceased members of our families, and deceased Legionaries.	Legion of Mary - Our Lady Refuge of Sinners, Praesidium - St Thomas à Becket
11:00 am	The deceased members of the De Rozario and Pereira families	Julian & Heather Pereira
Monday	November 20	
8:30 am	Maria Conceicao Pereira	Maria G. Cabral
Tuesday	November 21	
8:30 am	Remi Perron	Julia Principe
Wednesday	November 22	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Donny & Patricia Coelho
Thursday	November 23	
8:30 am	Gabriel Paines	His Family
Friday	November 24	
8:30 am	Pierre Christine Charron	Anna Donald
Saturday	November 25	
4:30 pm	Zofia & Stanislaw Depa	The Family
Sunday	November 26	Solemnity of Christ the King
9:00 am	Antonio Fiori	The Gafoor Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP

November 12: Witold Szczylowski, requested by Halina Tarczynski

November 19: The Legionaries, deceased members of our families, and deceased Legionaries, requested by Legion of Mary, Our Lady Refuge of Sinners, Praesidium, St Thomas a Becket Parish

November 26: Maria Romero, requested by Maria Lerma Soriano Romero and Gemma Soriano

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, Danielle Walsh, relative of Marie Foggo.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

October 29: Offerings: \$4,502.35 Building Fund: \$1,822.00

November 5: Offerings: \$5,860.00

Upcoming special collections: November 26 - Building Maintenance Fund
December 10 - Religious Education

PARISH MEN'S GROUP



MEN'S GROUP

(coffee & muffins provided). Come & See. No cost, no obligation.

What is a men's group? A group of ordinary men who are committed and intentional about building genuine friendships with one another and living their faith together.

Every Saturday morning, from 7:30 to 9:00, in Cahill Hall. All adult men are invited to join us for a time of fraternity, prayer and discussion (coffee &

PRAYER IS THE MEDICINE FOR FAITH



“What would he find in me, if the Lord were to come today, what would he find in me, in my life, in my heart? What priorities would he see in my life?”

We often focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary realities. And perhaps without even realizing it, we neglect what matters most and we allow our love for God to grow cold, to grow cold bit by bit. Today, Jesus offers us the remedy to rekindle a tepid faith. And what is the remedy? Prayer. Prayer is the medicine for faith, it is a tonic for the soul. However, it needs to be constant prayer. If we must undergo a treatment to get better, it is important to follow it well, to take the medicine consistently and regularly in the right way and at the right times. This is necessary in all of life. Let us think of a houseplant: we have to water it consistently every day. We cannot soak it and then leave it without water for weeks! Even more so with prayer. We cannot live only on strong moments of prayer or occasional intense encounters, and then “go into hibernation”. Our faith will dry up. We need the daily water of prayer, we need time dedicated to God, so that he can enter into our time, into our lives; consistent moments in which we open our hearts to him so that he can daily pour out on us love, peace, joy, strength, hope, thus nourishing our faith.

This is why Jesus says to his disciples today — to everyone, not only to some! — “that they ought always to pray and not lose heart” (v. 1). Now someone might object: “But how can I do that? I don’t live in a convent. I don’t have much time to pray!” Perhaps a wise spiritual practice which is a bit forgotten today, and which our elderly,

especially the grandmothers, know well, can come to our aid with this real difficulty. These are so-called aspirations. The name is a bit outdated, but the substance is good. What are they? They are very short, easy to memorize prayers that can be repeated often throughout the day, in the course of various activities, to remain “in tune” with the Lord. For example, as soon as we awaken, we can say: “Lord, I thank you and I offer this day to you”. This is a short prayer. Then, before an activity, we can repeat, “Come, Holy Spirit”. Between one thing and another, we can pray thus, “Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I love you”. Really short prayers that help us stay in contact with the Lord. How often we send text messages to the people we love! Let us do this with the Lord as well so that our hearts remain connected to him. And let us not forget to read his responses. The Lord always responds. Where do we find them? In the Gospel which should always be kept at hand and should be opened several times every day, to receive a Word of life directed to us.

And let us go back to the advice I have given many times — carry a pocket-size Gospel in your pocket, in your purse. So that when you have a minute, open it and read something, and the Lord will respond.

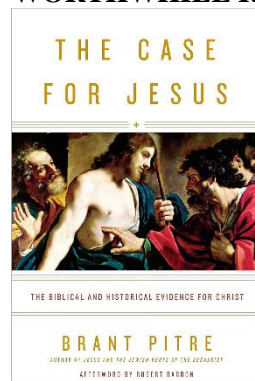
May the Virgin Mary, faithful listener, teach us the art of praying always, without losing heart.”
~ *Pope Francis*

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND FABRIQUE ELECTIONS

Sunday November 26, 2023, 12 noon.

All parishioners are invited to a meeting of parishioners for the election of Churchwardens on Sunday, November 26, immediately following the 11 am Mass. All parishioners of full age (18 years), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners (Act Respecting Fabriques). A warden is a parishioner elected to be a director, or administrator, of the church corporation whose object is to acquire, possess, hold and administer property for the practice of the Roman Catholic religion. Therefore, the warden is not a pastoral agent directing the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish. Professional or business experience and the ability to work in a team are assets. We need to elect two wardens on November 26. We thank outgoing wardens Michelle Figueredo and Norman Cousineau for their hard work and dedication during their terms. If you would like to serve the parish in this important role, you can present yourself on November 26. For more information, call 514-626-4111.

WORTHWHILE READING



The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ by Brant Pitre, with an Afterword by Bishop Robert Barron.

“This book will prove to be a most effective weapon... against the debunking and skeptical attitudes toward the Gospels that are so prevalent, not only in academe, but also on the street, among young people who, sadly, are leaving the Churches in droves.” – Bishop Robert Barron

For well over a hundred years now, many scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that Jesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine. In *The Case for Jesus*, Dr. Brant Pitre, the bestselling author of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, goes back to the sources—the biblical and historical evidence for Christ—in order to answer several key questions about the Gospels. As *The Case for Jesus* will show, recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship, as well as neglected evidence from ancient manuscripts and the early church fathers, together have the potential to pull the rug out from under a century of skepticism toward the traditional Gospels. Above all, Pitre shows how the divine claims of Jesus of Nazareth can only be understood by putting them in their ancient Jewish context.

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
Legion of Mary:	Juliana Abu	585-9206
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