

Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday

March 17 & 24 2024



MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 16 TO MARCH 31

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Saturday	March 16	
4:30 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Donny & Patricia Coelho
Sunday	March 17	Fifth Sunday of lent
9:00 am	Lina Vitiello	St. Thomas à Becket Parish Wardens
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	March 18	
8:30 am	Griba Furtado	Donny & Patricia Coelho
Tuesday	March 19	
8:30 am	Domingo & Ponciana Jipos	Lourdes Jipos
Wednesday	March 20	
8:30 am	Keith Angus Grant	Elsa & Jorge Rivera
Thursday	March 21	
8:30 am	Lagrimas Gayola-Santiago	Theresa Santiago
Friday	March 22	
8:30 am	In thanksgiving	Emma & Jose Villacorta
Saturday	March 23	
4:30 pm	Tommy & Dean Stock	Cathy, Phil & Family
Sunday	March 24	Palm Sunday
9:00 am	Keith Donoghue	Dawn & Frank Principe
11:00 am	Teresa Vacchiano Piertrantonio	The Vacchiano Family
Monday	March 25	
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral	Maria G. Cabral
Tuesday	March 26	
8:30 am	Florentino Santiago	Theresa Santiago
Wednesday	March 27	
8:30 am	Vittoria Hallal	Adel Hallal
Thursday	March 28	Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm	Rita Munro	Ashley Redmond
Friday	March 29	Good Friday
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion	
Saturday	March 30	Easter Vigil
7:30 pm	Jean (Jane) and Al Mack	Denise Mack Weller
Sunday	March 31	
9:00 am	Ann and Henry Redmond	The Redmond Family
9:00 am (Hall)	Peace in the Holy Land	
11:00 am	Terry Hayes	Claire Hayes
11:00 am (Hall)	Florence Reuben	Carolynne Quelch

SANCTUARY LAMP

March 17: Penny Casey (L), requested by Louise and Don Casey

March 24: Bruno Scittarelli, requested by Maria & Luigi Arena

March 31: Bruno Scittarelli, requested by Maria & Luigi Arena

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

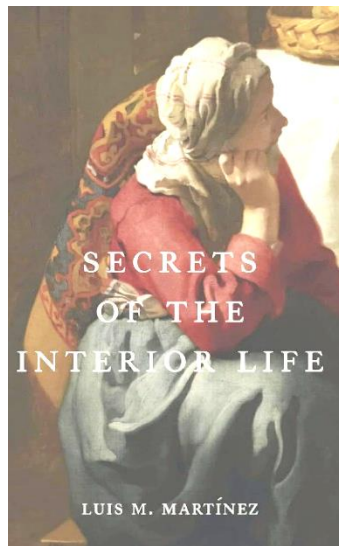
Philip Sanguinet, brother of Claire Hayes & Denyse Fournier, uncle of Fr. Michael Leclerc.

Victoria Aquino Saura, wife of Rodolfo, mother of Charisse.

Patrick O'Grady, nephew of Ron and Wendy Redmond and Walter and Linda O'Grady.

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

WORTHWHILE READING



Secrets of the Interior Life, by Luis M. Martínez
“Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” St. James the Apostle’s exclamation can conjure a discomfiting polarity between the active and contemplative aspects of the Christian life. In *Secrets of the Interior Life*, Luis M. Martínez dissolves that apparent polarity with an engaging explanation of how the contemplative life both informs and inspires the active life of following the way of Jesus Christ. As Martínez himself eloquently describes, “The true efficacy of our works depends upon our interior life, and the true worth of a soul is the worth of its interior life; for a soul’s worth is in direct proportion to the intimacy and intensity of its relations with God.” The key to cultivating and sustaining this relationship with

God is to learn the divine and different ways of God and then to seek him out by those selfsame ways, trusting that the hidden God will reveal himself to the soul who loves him. In similar vein as the accessibly contemplative works of Saints John of the Cross, Teresa of Ávila, and Thérèse of Lisieux, *Secrets of the Interior Life* offers spiritual and practical counsel in ready supply in commending its readers to the tender care of the God who is love.

UNDERSTANDING THE HARDSHIPS OF THE JOURNEY

Every time we suffer a calamity in our spiritual life, we grow alarmed and think we have lost our way. For we have fancied an even road for ourselves, a footpath, a way strewn with flowers. Hence, upon finding ourselves in a rough way, one filled with thorns, one lacking all attraction, we think we have lost the road, whereas it is only that the ways of God are very different from our ways. Sometimes the biographies of the saints tend to foster this illusion, when they do not fully reveal the profound story of those souls or when they disclose it only in a fragmentary manner, selecting solely the attractive and pleasing features. They call our attention to the hours that the saints spent in prayer, to the generosity with which they practiced virtue, to the consolations they received from God. We see only what is shining and beautiful, and we lose sight of the struggles, darkness, temptations, and falls through which they passed. And we think like this: Oh if I could live as those souls! What peace, what light, what love was theirs! Yes, that is what we see; but if we would look deeply into the hearts of the saints, we would

understand that the ways of God are not our ways. The ways of God for attaining perfection are ways of struggle, of dryness, of humiliations, and even of falls. To be sure, there is light and peace and sweetness in the spiritual life: and indeed a splendid light [and] a peace above anything that could be desired, and a sweetness that surpasses all the consolations of earth. There is all this, but all in its proper time; and in each instance it is something transient. What is usual and most common in the spiritual life are those periods in which we are compelled to suffer, and which disconcert us because we were expecting something different. Most souls that live in the midst of temptations think they are doing poorly; those that have the misfortune to fall believe all is lost; those that live in desolations fancy it is their fault that God has forsaken them. Therefore it is most important in the spiritual life to realize that we are not lost when we travel those strange roads. We need only realize that they are God's ways, that it will cost us much effort to walk them, and that we shall need much abnegation to travel them. Yet they are the true ways to attain perfection.

~ *Servant of God Archbishop Luis M Martínez († 1956), first official Primate of Mexico.*

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: The Bereavement Group meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 7 pm in Cahill Hall. All those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend the meeting, led by trained animator Bill Curran.

FR ROBERT ASSALY – MEMORIAL MASS - ST. WILLIBRORDS

351 rue Willbrord, Verdun. March 25, 6 pm. If anyone would like to attend the reception after, RSVP at office@stwill.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

March 10 - Offerings: \$4,601.00 Helping Others: \$2,172.00

March 3 - Offerings: \$4,885.75

Upcoming special collections: March 17 - Development & Peace

March 29 - Good Friday Collection

March 31 – Building Maintenance Fund

**GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR
THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND**



The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land.

The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29 or by Interac e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

~ *Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

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	Robert Boulé (2026)	(438) 838-1902
Eric Chevrier (2026)	246-8525	Michael Randall (2025)	980-5015

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
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
Men's Group	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
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. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015