

*Baptism of the Lord
and
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



January 12 & 19, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 12 TO JANUARY 26

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Saturday	January 11	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	January 12	Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am	John Gruchot	Ramona & Family
11:00 am	Richard Girgenti	Peter and Norma Cook
Monday	January 13	
8:30 am	Judith Allen	Juliana Kong-Ire
Tuesday	January 14	
8:30 am	Vivan Simeon Allen	Juliana Kong-Ire
Wednesday	January 15	
8:30 am	Arliss George Ward	Anna Donald
Thursday	January 16	
8:30 am	Mark Coelho	Donny & Patricia Coelho
Friday	January 17	
8:30 am	Zaitoon Rasak	St. Thomas à Becket CWL
Saturday	January 18	
4:30 pm	Fr. Mike Shaw	Priska & Paul Meier
Sunday	January 19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Chris & Alf Kolodnicki	Rina & Family
Monday	January 20	
8:30 am	Tony Sales	Ted Patricio
Tuesday	January 21	
8:30 am	The Italiano Family	Anne Marie Laurin
Wednesday	January 22	
8:30 am	Stanley Szuszkowski	Linda and Family
Thursday	January 23	
8:30 am	Pierre Charron	Darroch & Gina Robertson
Friday	January 24	
8:30 am	Dean & Tom Stock	Cathy & Phil Stock
Saturday	January 25	
4:30 pm	Margaret Linton	The Family
Sunday	January 26	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Dawn Valero Richardson	The Richardson Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

January 12: Fr. Mike Shaw, requested by Victor & Mary Lourenço

January 19: Chris & Alf Kolodnicki, requested by Rina & Family

January 26: Joseph Mulgrew, requested by Marie Foggo

2025 MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Our Annual Jubilee will take place February 7 & 8, coinciding with World Marriage Day. We invite all couples whose wedding anniversary is divisible by five. Come celebrate your special milestone anniversary with us as you witness to God's love in the world. To register: Rina at 514-915-7586.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 8: Offerings: \$6,898.40	Religious Education: \$1,475.00
Dec. 15: Offerings: \$5,736.00	Helping Others: \$3,230.00
Dec. 23: Offerings: \$4,668.00	Building Maintenance Fund: \$2,035.00
Christmas: Offerings: \$ 11,998.90	
Dec. 29: Offerings: \$4,072.00	
New Year: \$3,336.00	
January 5: \$9,303.80	

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who helped us to cover the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants. Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

Gerry Emsley, Adele Philip, Bill Guérin, Ross McLelland, Mary & Larry LeBlanc, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Mary & John Montgomery & extended families, Richard Masys & Mary Hyjek, Lorne & Betty Gehen, Dave Graham, Fraser & Betty Graham, Fr. Aloysius Graham, Antonia & Hamillon Pantin, Kathleen Steer & Dorothy Lyall, Ram Sharma (L), Jane & George D'Lima, Cyril & Pauline Rebeiro, Al & Jean Mack, Mary, Mike & Ron Saukas, Theresa Koncewicz, Todd Anderson, Phyllis Edmunds, George Higden, Bobby Holland, Gregorio Visentin, Gabriela & Giovanni Ambrosio, The Giglione & Lodico families.



WE ARE TRULY BLESSED We don't remember the sanctuary ever looking more beautiful than it did this Christmas season, not to mention the parish halls and the outdoor apron. That might be partly due to the new lighting, but certainly also to the talents of our volunteer sacristans and decorators, who put together a tasteful, inviting and uplifting vision worthy of the birth of our Saviour. Special thanks also to Pépinière Pierrefonds for their contributions of trees, wreaths and poinsettias, as well as snow-clearing assistance, and to so many others who donated various elements.



The decor was matched by the beauty of our choirs' music. As always, the behind-the-scenes workers, as well as our ushers, greeters, lectors, PowerPoint and livestreaming operators—are who make it all happen.

Fr. Peter and Seminarian Jonathan were overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of so many of our parishioners, even if we are unable to thank each one personally. Be assured of their sincere gratitude and prayers for you and yours in the coming year.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The bereavement group meets from 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, in Cahill Hall. All those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, recently or not, are welcome to attend the meeting, led by trained animator Bill Curran.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

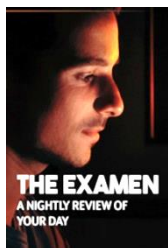


The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son. Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with

forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God. Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the 'epiphany' events or the 'manifestations of Jesus': the visit of the Magi, the Baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. *Paul Turner*

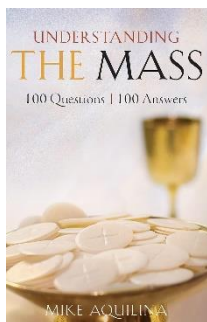
All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfilment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." *Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."* Catechism of the Catholic Church 1223-1224

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"Before going to bed, a nightly examen reflects on our actions throughout the day. For all the blessings of the day, we give thanks. In the areas where we fell short of virtue and a true expression of freedom, we repent. A good nightly examen helps us to make progress in the spiritual life, making continual steps to follow Christ as he leads us into the love of the Father."

WORTHWHILE READING



Understanding the Mass: 100 Questions 100 Answers by Mike Aquilina

The Mass may seem routine, and it may be the common property of millions of Catholics, but much lies beneath. Mike Aquilina not only answers practical questions about this central act of Catholic worship, but also walks you through the Mass, explaining the meaning behind the prayers and practices. Find answers to such questions as:

- What is the Real Presence?
 - What are the Jewish roots of the Mass?
 - Why is the Mass a sacrifice?
 - Why do some people receive Communion on the tongue and others in the hand?
- Mike Aquilina is author or editor of more than thirty books, including The Fathers of the Church, The Mass of the Early Christians, and A Year with the Church Fathers. He has co-hosted eight series that air on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). He has co-authored books with Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., and theologian Scott Hahn. He is past editor of New Covenant magazine and The Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper. He appears weekly on Sirius Radio's "Sonrise Morning Show."*

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.

Siro Di Marco (2027)	977-6442	Cindy Finn (2027)	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	Marie Meier	965-9919
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
Youth Ministry	Amanda Davis	626-4111

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