

MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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December 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Announced Masses

Saturday December 5th

Souls in Purgatory

By Adeline Doyle

† Alistair Barnes

By Patricia & Allan Kennedy

Sunday December 6th

In Thanksgiving

By the Burcena Family

Healing of Ireneo Nacio

By Wilson, Beck & Family

Tuesday December 8th

Pro Populo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday December 9th

† Alistair Barnes

By Patricia & Allan Kennedy

Thursday December 10th

Healing of Ireneo Nacio

By Wilson, Beck & Family

Friday December 11th

† Sabino Paparella

By Julian Paparella

Saturday December 12th

† Alistair Barnes

By David Briffett

Sunday December 13th

In Thanksgiving

By the Burcena Family

Meditation:

John was a servant of God's Word

How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Savior of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John not only took the Scriptures to heart, he molded his life according to them, and made himself a servant of the Word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

In the ancient world when a king decided to tour his kingdom, he first sent his courier ahead to prepare the way. John is the courier and great herald of the Messiah King who proclaims to all the peoples that the impending reign of God is now very close at hand. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah (Isaiah 40:3-5). John undoubtedly took this word to heart as he searched the Scriptures and reflected on the word of God in the wilderness. When John began his public ministry he traveled throughout the region of Judea and preached a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3).

Do you allow God's Word to transform your life?

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and everyday and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to proclaim it joyfully with love and boldness to all I meet."

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CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor

Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff

Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)

Administration

Terrel Joseph

Adult Faith Formation

Julian Paparella

Administration and PCL

*WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF CAROL
ROBERTSON AND THE
CONSOLATION OF HER
FAMILY*

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick, Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Yolanda Gananial, Rita Riley and Marie-Paul. God is with you always.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

This Tuesday, on the fiftieth anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council, the Universal Church enters the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis, wrote: "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (*Eph 2:4*), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Ex 34:6*), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (*Gal 4:4*), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. *Jn 14:9*). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God." Let us enter this Year of Mercy and celebrate God's mercy in our lives.

Faith in the Family and ALPHA next Sunday!!!

Join us next Sunday for our last session of ALPHA for adults and Faith in the Family for children in 2015! Special thanks to all our volunteers and catechists! We start with breakfast at 9:00 and catechesis at 9:30.

All are welcome!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Angele Lafleche and all her volunteers for their work preparing for the Christmas Baskets!

Thank you to Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist and Carole Wepruk for decorating the Church for Advent!!!

Thank you to Ruth Laxina for preparing the linens and for cleaning the Rectory.

Thank you to Jonas Bolofer & Bernard Burcena, for painting the Rectory!

SIMBANG GABI MASSES: December 16th-24th

Simbang Gabi, nine days of night Masses to prepare for Christmas, begins on Wednesday, December 16th at 7pm and concludes on Christmas Eve at 7:30!

Christmas Party and Bake Sale next Saturday!!!

As enter the season of Advent and begin to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas, some upcoming events for us to celebrate:

All Things Christmas—Join us for our Christmas bake sale on Saturday, December 12th from 9:00-12:00. Come early to get your pick!

Our Annual Christmas Party—Happening after the 5:00pm Mass, also on Saturday, December 12th. Come one, come all!

Sunday Missals for 2015-2016 and Living with Christ Missalettes

Sunday Missals for 2015-2016 are on sale for \$6.00!

Monthly *Living with Christ* missalettes with the readings for daily Mass are on sale for \$2.00!

Available at the back of the church, together with our religious items table!

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW, We need YOU!!!

Tickets continue to be sold! \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, and 6 for \$10.00. All proceeds go to our soup kitchen and Christmas baskets. Prizes are \$1000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00. Tickets will be sold after Mass each Saturday and Sunday and are also available at the Parish Office. GET YOURS NOW!!!