

MASS TIMES

Liturgy)

Tuesday & Wednesday
@ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(inc. Children's day

@ 7:00 pm

(Devotions) - Wednesday
6:30pm

Thursday & Friday

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January 18, 2015

2nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Announced Masses

Saturday January 17

Sunday January 18

† **Maria Menezes**

By Vera, John, Nicholas &
Sascha Pinto

† **Pedro Quioco Sr**

By Mr & Mrs. Pedro
Quioco jr,

Tuesday January 20

Wednesday January 21

Thursday January 22

Friday January 23

Saturday January 24

† **Mary Jordan**

By Her Son Jack

Sunday January 25

† **Maria Menezes**

By Cheryl Misquith

Meditation:

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Jesus is the Lamb of God who sacrificed his life to atone for our sins

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus asks us - "What are you looking for"?

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ. He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

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

BAPTISM INFORMATION 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 Faith to be eligible.

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Let us pray for the immediate recovery of:
Dale Parsons, Dan Boyer,
Mary Paul and Joe Brisindi

Thank you!

To **Lilly Cavanagh** for donating the fabric and for your time in making the piano cover.

To **The Gilchrist's** for donating altar linens.

To **Bonua Goeing** for repairing the snow blower.

To **Jun & Avelino Galan, Jorge Reginales & Alex Laxina** for transporting the steel Cabinets from Lachine &

To **Tony & Peter** for helping organize the basement and faithfully taking out the garbage

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study

Last Thursday we kicked off our Bible Study with great success! Join us for the next session on **January 22 at 6:30 in the Evening** with Dr. Nathan Gibbard as our facilitator. This is an opportunity for all our parishioners to engage with the Bible so they can be more active in their faith. Please bring your own Bible. Everyone is invited. Free babysitting is available to those with children.

Pastoral Home Care Formation

The second session was a success last week. Cathie Macaulay will continue to give four more sessions. If you still want to attend the sessions to develop your skills in taking care of the elderly, you can join us on **January 22 at 6:30 pm** at Cameron Hall. Free Babysitting is also available.

On February 14 Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be hosting their first Montreal "World Marriage Day".

With the support from Father Robert Gendreau who has been supporting WWME for many years, our Archbishop Christian Lépine has agreed to celebrate a bilingual mass at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral @ 5.p.m. After mass, there will be a reception with a sit down 4 course meal with wine (\$150.00 per couple) .

For reservations please contact:

Daisy & Tino (514) 327-9962 / Anna & Vic (514) 494-2688
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St. John Brébeuf Parish: High Tea Fundraiser

Join us for an afternoon of delicious sandwiches, biscuits, tea and dessert on Wednesday, January 21 at 2:30pm (7777 George St., LaSalle). Reservations are a must! Please call to reserve your place no later than Friday, January 16. Contact Dawn at 514-366-0131 x223.

The Newman Centre: 2015 Marguerite Bourgeoys Lecture

The 2015 Marguerite Bourgeoys Lecture on Education, *"Making Meaning Visible: Catholic Education, the Human Person, and Contemporary Culture,"* will be given by **John Haldane on Tuesday, January 20, 5:30pm** (5pm welcome with mulled wine) at the Newman Centre of McGill (3484 Peel St., Montreal). This lecture will discuss what it means to be human, the role and importance of beauty in education, and the relationship of freedom to authority. John Haldane is Professor and Director of Postgraduate Studies in Philosophy at St. Andrew's University, as well as Director of the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs and Chair of the Royal Institute of Philosophy. Among the most cited contemporary philosophers in the English-speaking world, he was selected to give the prestigious Gifford Lectures of 2005 at Aberdeen. He holds research affiliations with the University of Notre Dame and the University of Birmingham, and serves on the Pontifical Council on Culture, where he acts as special advisor to the Vatican on contemporary ethical questions. For more information visit www.newmancentre.org or contact the office at 514-398-4106