

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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January 24, 2016

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Announced Masses

Saturday January 23rd
**For the Intentions
of Denis Peate**

Sunday January 24th
† **Andrew Shaw**
By the Shaw Family

Tuesday January 26th
PRO POPULO

Wednesday January 27th

Thursday January 28th
**The Intentions of
Tom Battcock**

Friday January 29th
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Saturday January 20th

Sunday January 31st

Meditation (rc.net): What does the Gospel of Luke tell us about Jesus and his mission and what he came to do for us? Many skeptics question the reliability and accuracy of the Gospel accounts of Jesus. Luke tells us that his account is utterly believable because it comes from firsthand witnesses (Luke 1:2) who knew Jesus personally, heard him teach, saw his miracles, and witnessed his atoning death on the cross and his rising from the tomb to everlasting life.

Luke begins his account by addressing his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God" (Luke 1:3). In so many words Luke tells his friend (and us as well), I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known - and which many witnesses and messengers of God's word have openly explained on many occasions. Luke wants his friend and all who read his account to "know the truth" (Luke 1:4) concerning Jesus of Nazareth who was sent from the Father in heaven and anointed by the Holy Spirit to bring us the good news and power of God's kingdom.

The "good news" of Jesus brings new life and freedom

The word "gospel" literally means "good news." The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the new life and freedom he has won for us through his atoning death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection to everlasting life and glory with the Father in heaven. The Gospel is the all-powerful and all-merciful word of God for us today as much as it was for the people who first heard it in Jesus' time. Are you hungry for God's word of truth and mercy, love and forgiveness? And do you want to grow in the knowledge of God and what he has accomplished for us through his Son, Jesus Christ?

Jesus came in the power of the Spirit

Luke tells us that Jesus chose to publicly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus was also known by many in Nazareth as a "carpenter" (Mark 6:3) and "son of Joseph" (Luke 4:21). When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (verses 1-2 of chapter 61) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Isaiah 61:1-2).

Jesus renews and strengthens us in faith, hope, and love

The Lord Jesus speaks this same word to each of us today - he comes to bring us healing and restoration, pardon and freedom from the oppression of sin, despair, hopelessness, and destruction. Do we believe his word? Do we trust in the Messiah?

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff
Yvonne Pelling (mat. leave)
Administration

Julian Paparella
*Administration and PCL
Adult Faith Formation*

NEW DATES for PREX VI!
Announcing new dates for our next edition of the
Parish Renewal Experience!

Sunday, February 14th, 9am-4pm
Sunday, February 21st and 28th, 12-6pm
Sunday, March 6th, 12-6pm

Together we deepen our faith and grow as a family!



COLLECTIONS:

Jan 16/17 \$1133.90
2nd Collection for
Josif Nicka \$265.35

*Thank you for your gener-
osity! Josif was deeply
moved and very grateful.*



ALPHA and Faith in the Family Retreat!

Our next ALPHA and Faith in the Family session will take
place Saturday, February 6th as a retreat! We will begin at
9am with breakfast as usual and conclude at 4pm.

SYMBOLON Thursdays at 7:30

Father Gregory invites you to join him Thursday evenings at 7:30, fol-
lowing the Bible Study at 6:30 for **SYMBOLON!** An opportunity to
deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith handed down by the apostles.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Bernadette Roach (18th)
Marilyn Scott (22nd)
Arthur Gilchrist (30th)
And to all our January
birthday celebrants!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mike,
Evelyn & Arthur Gil-
christ, and Ruth Laxina
for all their work
cleaning our Church &
Rectory!

Thank you to Jonas
Bolofer and the
Salinggawi Fathers for
their work repairing
our Rectory!

Thank you to our
ALPHA leaders and
catechists!

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY—March 19, 2016!

Announcing diocesan World Youth Day 2016!!! The families and youth of
Montreal will gather on **Saturday, March 19th** to celebrate *Diocesan World
Youth Day!* **Youth Festival** begins at 12:00 at Mission Santa Cruz (60
Rachel O.), followed by a **Procession with Palms** through the streets of
downtown to Saint Patrick's Basilica, and **Mass with the Archbishop** at
Cathedrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde!

Silent Directed Retreats—"Be still and know that I am God"

Montreal Directed Retreats offers a quiet weekend for peaceful reflection to be with
God. Upcoming retreat weekends are February 26-28 and April 8-10 at Maison de
Pere, and May 27-29 at the Cistercian Abbey. The cost of each weekend is \$130.00.
Please call Paul Empsall at 514-626-9462 or Catherine Cherry at 514-633-1172, or
visit www.montrealretreats.org.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Saint Willibrord's was just informed by the Archdiocese of Montreal that for
every Mass Intention of \$15.00, a tax receipt of \$10.00 may be issued. We
invite you to offer Masses for your loved ones and personal intentions to lift
them to God through the Sacrifice of His Son Jesus.

Spirituality News

Join us for our next **First Friday Mass and Spirituality Talk** on Friday,
February 5th at 7pm!

Living Faith prayer books for January to March are now available in the
Parish Office or at the back of the Church for only \$2.00!