

## MASS TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays 9:30-11:30

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**March 13, 2016**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Announced Masses**

*Saturday March 12th*

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

*Sunday March 13th*

† **Generosa, Gregorio Sr,  
Necitas, Romana, and  
Ambrocio Nunez**

By the Nunez Family

**Intentions for**

Francisco Meriales

*Tuesday March 15th*

**PRO POPULO**

*Wednesday March 16th*

*Thursday March 17th*

† **Anatole Lesyk**

By Maria Salceda

*Friday March 18th*

*Saturday March 19th*

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

*Sunday March 20th*

† **Vicente Cortez**

By the Family

† **Pauline Kennedy**

By Suzanne & Martina  
Walsh

† **Death Anniversary of  
Marjorie Lopez**

By her Parents, John Lopez  
and Marcela Ellasos

**Meditation:** Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. Jesus never lost an opportunity to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and guilt. His frequent association with sinners, however, upset the sensibilities of the religious leaders. When a woman caught in adultery was brought to them for trial, they confronted Jesus on the issue of retribution. Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death.

This incident tells us a great deal about Jesus' attitude to the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice - either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is - unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?

"God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Prayer of Saint Augustine) - **rc.net**

**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  
Julian Paparella  
*Administration and PCL*

Collections  
Feb 13-14/16—\$977.50  
Feb 20-21/16—\$1053.50  
Feb 27-28/16—\$1191.80  
Mar 5-6/2016—\$1626.65  
Flea Market—\$2144.25

We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick, Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, and Joey Walsh. God is with you always.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those who volunteered and participated in PREX VI! God bless you!

Thank you to Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist and Mike for cleaning the church inside and out, and all Mike's work in the soup kitchen!

Thank you to Jonas, Pedro, Bong and Bernard for plastering the Rectory.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday**—Sunday, March 20th at 10:30am  
**Mass of Chrism**—Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm  
(Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral)  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**—Thursday, March 24th at 7:00pm (Holy Thursday)  
**Good Friday Service**—Friday, March 25th at 3:00pm and at 6:00 pm the Way of the Cross in the Church using Pope Francis' intentions  
**Easter Vigil**—Saturday, March 26th at 8:00pm  
**Easter Sunday**—Sunday, March 27th at 10:30am



**DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY NEXT SATURDAY**

Join the youth and families of the Archdiocese of Montreal as we gather at **Mission Santa Cruz** (60 Rachel West) for simultaneous Youth and Young Adults festivals at **12:30**, followed by a procession with palms through the streets of downtown, palms blessed at Saint Patrick's Basilica, concluding with Mass at the Cathedral with Archbishop Christian Lepine..

**ALPHA and Faith in the Family!**



Join us next **Sunday, March 20th!** Breakfast at 9am and catechesis for children and adults at 9:30. The adults will continue with ALPHA as the children explore the Passion.

**Symbolon and Bible Study continue every Thursday!**

Join Father Gregory Thursday evenings at 6:30 for Bible Study and 7:30 for Symbolon, both in the Rectory! We are currently studying the Acts of the Apostles and have a new Symbolon topic each week! Come and see!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to Beverly Fender, who celebrated her birthday this past Monday on March 7th! Many blessings for the years to come!

**COMMUNION & LIBERATION WAY OF THE CROSS**

On the morning of **Good Friday**, beginning at **9:30am**, Archbishop Christian Lepine will lead a Way of the Cross through the streets of Montreal, organized by Communion and Liberation. We will start at the **Chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours** (in the Old Port, 400 Saint Paul Street East), and continue in silent procession with prayer and chanting at **Notre-Dame Basilica, Saint Patrick's Basilica**, and concluding at **Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral**. It is a beautiful opportunity to walk together witnessing to the Cross of Christ.