

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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March 27, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY

Announced Masses

Sunday March 27th

10:30 EASTER SUNDAY

† **Bill, Iris & Ken Coombs**

By Adrienne Coombs

† **Emilio & Maria Hiponia**

Maramag

By Evelyn Maramag

† **Elena & Federico Pasal**

By Melina Pasal &

Angelito Quiocho

† **Gregorio, Generosa, Romana, Necitas, Oscar, Lodia, Ambrosio**

By Ruth & Alex Laxina

Thanksgiving

By Burcena Family

Tuesday March 29th

Wednesday March 30th

Thursday March 31st

Friday April 1st

**7PM FIRST FRIDAY
MASS & SPIRITUALITY**

Saturday April 2nd

† **Souls in Purgatory**

By Adeline Doyle

Sunday April 3rd

**90th Birthday Blessings for
Alexie Lanteigne**

By Evelyn & Arthur Gilchrist

† **Victoria Abalos Davantes**

By the Davantes Family

Meditation: What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, *Why do you seek the living among the dead* (Luke 24:5)? What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eyewitness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: *What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning* (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment? "Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death." - 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 27-28/16—\$1191.80

Mar 5-6/2016—\$1626.65

Flea Market—\$2144.25

Mar 12-13/16—\$1220.80

Mar 19-20/16—\$1106.35

SALVATION ARMY
CONCERT

You're invited to enjoy a musical soiree this Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 at Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs. Admission is \$10.00, in support of the church restoration and the Salvation Army.



On Easter morn, we
celebrate our Savior;
Whatever people seek in
Him, they find.
In history, there has never
been another
So holy, sacrificial, good
and kind.

His resurrection makes us
all immortal;
In heaven, we'll be to-
gether with our King.
Eternally we'll share in all
His blessings;
Happy Easter! Jesus Christ
is everything!

By Joanna Fuchs

POPE FRANCIS ON EASTER MORNING

“Jesus Christ is risen! Love has triumphed over hatred, life has conquered death, light has dispelled the darkness! Out of love for us, Jesus Christ stripped himself of his divine glory, emptied himself, took on the form of a slave and humbled himself even to death, death on a cross. For this reason God exalted him and made him Lord of the universe. Jesus is Lord! By his death and resurrection, Jesus shows everyone *the way* to life and happiness: this way is *humility*, which involves *humiliation*. This is the path which leads to glory. *Only those who humble themselves can go towards the “things that are above”, towards God* (cf. Col 3:1-4). The proud look “down from above”; the humble look “up from below”. On Easter morning, alerted by the women, Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found it open and empty. Then they drew near and “*bent down*” in order to enter it. To enter into the mystery, we need to “*bend down*”, to abase ourselves. Only those who abase themselves understand the glorification of Jesus and are able to follow him on his way. The world proposes that we put ourselves forward at all costs, that we compete, that we prevail... But Christians, by the grace of Christ, dead and risen, are *the seeds of another humanity*, in which we seek to live in service to one another, not to be arrogant, but rather respectful and ready to help. This *is not weakness, but true strength!* Those who bear within them God’s power, his love and his justice, do not need to employ violence; they speak and act with the power of truth, beauty and love..” (Homily at Easter Vigil, 2015)



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to **Father Joseph Cameron** for presiding over our Holy Thursday celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper!

Thank you to **Bishop James Wingle** for presiding over the Easter Vigil!
Thank you to all those who donated flowers and funds to our Easter flower collections! Our Church looks beautiful thanks to you!

Thank you to **Angela Choi and Patrick Lau** and all who served at our Triduum liturgies: **Andres Acevedo, Laura Daniel, Joseph D’Silva, Jonny Melfi-Zollo, Bailey Munroe-Keating, Gregory and Justine Porlucas, Rozanna Ralbovszky, Dominic Rosal, Jory & Joshua Trabajada!**

Thank you to **Carole Wepruk and Stasi Wargachuk** for all their work preparing for our Triduum liturgies!

ALPHA and Faith in the Family continue April 3rd!

Our next session is Sunday, April 3rd, we will be exploring the Resurrection! Breakfast at 9am and catechesis at 9:30. All are welcome to join us!

