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All Saints
November 1st, 2015
Tous les saints



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

1st Full weekend of the month. Except during Lent and Advent.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

Our true home is heaven.

Today's solemnity of All Saints' Day celebrates all the unknown saints in heaven. By honoring them this day, we are reminded that our true home is heaven and that we, too, can become saints. For this to come about we must love Jesus above all things, pray daily, be nourished by the graces of the sacraments, live according to the teachings of Jesus and persevere in faith.

All Saints' Day - November 1

We pray during the Mass of All Saints. We celebrate those who have made the long journey to the holy city, to Jerusalem, to the feast of heaven. The scriptures and prayers for the day tell us that we are part of that vast throng now standing before God's throne in ceaseless praise. From the second reading: "I saw before me a huge crowd which no one could count from every nation, race, people and tongue...dressed in long white robes." At our baptism, when we received our white robes, we became part of this great assembly. Indeed, every time we go to Mass, before we sing Holy, Holy, we recall that we sing God's praise with "angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven."



Who is this company and why is it so wonderful to be part of it? This is another way of asking, "What does the communion of saints mean?" It is not complicated. All the baptized, living and dead, across the generations, walk together, suffer together, sing together—not only those who have died, and not only those who lead heroic lives. Vincent Harding, writing in *Sojourners* magazine, put it this way: "What a wild company we belong to! These are wild people, persecuted people, going-out, not-knowing-where-they're-going people."

For a picture of what the lives of saints look like, read the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12.)

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All Souls - November 2

Crisp autumn chill penetrates our sweater-wrapped bodies to remind us of our weakness before the power of nature. As leaves fall from trees, plants die and animals retreat, we feel the impending threat of death, which waits to take us home.

During this season of the northern hemisphere's year, the church celebrates the feast of All Souls. As our bodies and minds resign themselves to the inevitable cessation of life, our church calendar brings forth a somber feast to fit our temperament these increasingly darkened days.



The solemnity of All Souls comes as a sequel to that of All Saints. Having commemorated all the blessed who enjoy the face of God in their death, we turn our thoughts to the other souls who await the fullness of God's glory. The sequence of these two feasts implies a belief that those who have lived lives of holiness enjoy God's presence and can intercede for us before the throne of God. The feasts also imply that others, having lived more sinful lives, still await that glory. These are the dead we remember every November 2 - members of our families, friends, the lonely and forgotten, and public figures who have touched our lives. On this day we pray that God will have mercy on them and grant them the vision of blessedness for which they longed.

When the church gathers for prayer on November 2, we still remember the faithful departed, even when it falls on a Sunday. Those who assisted us in life receive assistance from us in their death. This feast celebrates our union with the church in every place and beyond all time.

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From the Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee would like to remind everyone about our need to hold our beautiful church ever close to our heart. It is a holy place nestled in the very centre of our town and at the core of our spiritual lives – a place where we gather as a family of faith to encounter Christ and journey in truth to an eternal communion of life and joy.

In our task of stewardship and watchfulness we are concerned to see that there has been a decline in the collections for the year to this point as compared to last year. We can only offer a gentle reminder to everyone of our duty to support our parish and to point out that the parish depends on the generosity of the parishioners. Please consider the time, talent, and treasure that you can give to the benefit of our entire parish.

CCODP Emergency Appeal for the Refugee Crisis

The Current refugee crisis that is taking place in Europe requires **global response** and Development and Peace is working with its Caritas partners in Europe to help bring relief to thousands of people who are trapped in limbo as they try to escape war, poverty and repression in their countries of origin.

The Government of Canada has committed 100 million dollars to this crisis and Development and Peace is one of the agencies able to access this fund to support partners and projects working towards sustainable solutions to this crisis.

The government of Canada is matching all funds raised for this appeal until December 31st .

To give now, call 1 888-664-3387. Or mail a cheque to

Development and Peace

1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West. 3rd Floor

Montreal QC H3G 1T7

Movie Night – The Drop Box

On Friday November 6th, Pembina Pro Life is hosting a movie night at Mellowdale Hall (hwy 769) We will be showing The Drop Box. (Synopsis below). Doors open at 7:30 pm, and the movie starts at 8:00 pm. Please come and join us! Free Admission

Every human life is sacred and worthy of love.

Hundreds of unwanted babies are abandoned on the streets of Seoul, South Korea, every year, forgotten by the surrounding culture The drop Box is a documentary about the work of Pastor Lee Jong-rak and his heroic efforts to embrace and protect his community's most vulnerable children. By installing a drop box outside his home, Pastor Lee provides a safe haven to babies who would otherwise be abandoned on the streets to die.

In a heart-wrenching exploration of the physical and emotional toll associated with providing refuge to save those deemed unwanted by society. But it's also a story of hope. And a celebration of the reality that every human life is sacred, has a purpose and is worthy of love. Rated PG.

Readers

The 2016 Workbook for Lectors is now available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00. Please put the cash or cheque in the envelope provided next to the books.

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Oct 31 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	<i>All Saints</i>
Nov 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For all the Deceased members of our Parish	
	11:00 am	RIP Greg & Gladys Ryan – Cyril & Anne Pittman	
Nov 3 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Katherine Bokenfohr - Family	
Nov 4 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Andrew Campbell – Knights Of Columbus	<i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>
	7:00 pm	(Church) Special Intention for Eugenie Bureau - Family	
Nov 5 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP John Maroney _ Knights of Columbus	
Nov 6 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Francoise Froment (3 rd Anniv) – Paul & Family	<i>1st Friday</i>
Nov 7 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Norm Boissonneault – Louise & Family	<i>32nd Sunday</i>
Nov 8 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Deceased Relatives – Joe & Evelyn Lutz	<i>of Ordinary</i>
	11:00 am	RIP Lucien Sasseville – Gilberte & Children	<i>Time</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise Dubois, Leo Brochu. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of November** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer till 12:00 pm

There is a **sign up sheet at the back** of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

Our Parish Family would like to give our thanks of appreciation for the wonderful music ministry given by Mrs. Maria Weir and her husband Nick who are stepping down for personal reasons. Thank you for so often sharing your talent in leading us to give glory to God in music and prayer. Blessings and thanks!

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES	October 25 th \$ 4314.85 Restoration \$ 30.00	THANK YOU! MERCI!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	November 2 nd , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
RCIA	November 3 rd , Tuesday 7:00 pm	- Downstairs Rectory
CWL Meeting	November 5 th , Thursday 7:00 pm	- CWL Boardroom Parish Hall