



PARISH BULLETIN
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4 – 5 DECEMBER 2021





ADVENT

Please join us as we enter into our **2nd Sunday of Advent**. We continue our journey towards the great encounter in peace, an inner peace that comes when we fully embrace a deep relationship with the one we are waiting for.

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT – Virtual Event with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine - Dec. 10 & 11, 2021

“I must go. People must know.”

Dear Friends and Fellow Pilgrims:

As this pandemic persists, it feels like we will have to wait yet longer to celebrate Christmas in the manner to which we are accustomed. Yet, our challenge during Advent is to walk together: in hope, in solidarity, in joy at the greatest Gift we have received: Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

On **Friday and Saturday (December 10 - 11)** before the third Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete! Rejoice!”), the Office for English Pastoral Services invites you to a guided **Twilight Retreat**, entitled **“I must go. People must know.”** This Retreat will incorporate two elements:

1. On Friday evening, December 10th (on your own), the viewing of **“The Shepherd”**, a **25-minute** pilot episode of the award-winning multi-season miniseries on the life of Jesus and his disciples, **“The Chosen”**, followed by some questions to guide your prayer and personal reflection;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paOjgZZDads>

<https://www.facebook.com/InsideTheChosen/videos/574095796716775/>

2. On Saturday morning, December 11th we will meet on **(Zoom)** from **9:30am - 11am**, to share our response to this unique perspective on the Christmas story, to explore its impact on our personal mission, and shared mission as we “walk together” (*synodos!*) as Church.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86977577150?pwd=cnZWdVNaN3hZUkhEWkE4Ry9EZfh1Zz09>

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If there is sufficient interest, we will follow this up *in 2022* with a “**Video Divina**” of the **eight episodes of the first season of *The Chosen***: a deeper appropriation of what it means to be personally chosen and called by Christ, and how that call transforms the way in which we interact with one another as disciples of Jesus, and bear witness to him in our daily life in the world.

When you register, the confirmation message will include a link to the short video which we invite you to watch on Friday, **December 10th** as well as a link to the Saturday morning Zoom meeting, in a retreat time animated by the OEPS team.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Yours in Advent hope, faith, joy and love,

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, EV

NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

The Parish Council needs your help in reaching out to the homeless Indigenous people. They plan to supply sandwiches for the bus that goes out each night to feed about 100 people. Parish Council is asking our parishioners if they could make sandwiches and cookies. They would then collect the food on December 12th at Sunday Mass and deliver it to the Native Friendship Centre. If you are interested in bringing this endeavour to fruition, please contact Sharon at (514) 481-2981 for further details, or call the Parish Office at (514) 481-0267, and leave your name and number and you will be contacted. **For those making sandwiches and cookies for the Native Friendship Centre, please bring them to church on Sunday, December 12th from 8:30am until noon. Please wrap each sandwich individually. Thank you all for your generosity.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL AND WARDENS

The Pastoral Council and Wardens will meet together on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:15pm. This PC will not meet on any other Monday in December.

CHRISTMAS BOX CONCERT – ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH – 463 St. Catherine St. West

Join them on **December 17th, 2021 at 7:30pm** for an evening of music and scripture, partnering with Les Amis d’Hochelaga, and will be celebrating Christ’s birth with Christmas Carols, Scripture and Christmas songs.

Proceeds for this Christmas Benefit Concert will help fund Resilience Montreal which is a non-profit day shelter and is supportive to the Indigenous in need at Cabot Square, located at the corner of Atwater and St. Catherine Street and offers food, a place to sleep, clean clothes and support to anyone in need. Tickets are 20\$ at the door, vaccine passport is required. For more information, please contact Catholic Action Montreal Executive Director Judy Wong at jwong@catholicaction.ca

2021 CHRISTMAS BAKE & WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal is holding a fundraising event to purchase winter clothing for the homeless. The baked goods will be prepared by Chef Aaron Semple of Villa Saint Martin and a dedicated team of volunteers. To place your order online, please follow the link below:

[Bake Sale 2021 – Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal \(ignatiancentremtl.org\)](http://ignatiancentremtl.org)

If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please follow the donations link below:

[Donate – Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal \(ignatiancentremtl.org\)](http://ignatiancentremtl.org)

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT 2021

Archbishop Don Bolen - www.cccb.ca. Interesting reflections on an upcoming pilgrimage to meet with the pope. Each week throughout Advent, a video recording of a Bishop in Canada will be released. This year's reflections were developed in view of the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021. For all the details, we invite you to please follow the link: [Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](#)

VILLA SAINT-MARTIN

Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal – Women's Monthly Retreats – presented by Sr. Pat O'Neill and Vita Lewis. Online retreats via ZOOM with Fr. Kevin Kelly, SJ– December 8, 2021. December's theme:

Waiting in Hope and Trust. Please register with Vita Lewis at vitalewis@gmail.com or call 514-694-1118.

Suggested cost is \$15.00

SUPPORT AFTER THE LOSS OF YOUR SPOUSE

You are invited to share, listen and support one another in the context of faith. We are meeting every first Monday of the month. Please join us **Monday** morning, **December 6th from 9:30 – 11:00 am.**

To register, please contact **Anne Parsons at (514) 457-2183.**

MASS INTENTIONS: 4 - 12 December, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021: Saint John Damascene

(In Person Mass – 4pm)

Domenica & Antonio Poliziani

Elizabeth Joseph

Agnes & Alexis Murphy

Julie Prillo

from Rosa Emard

from Friends at St. Thomas à Beckett

from Marion Doyle

from the Family

Sunday, December 5, 2021: Second Sunday of Advent

(9am in-Person Mass - 11am in-Person & Livestreamed)

Patsy Nelson

Ettore Lanni

Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli

Giuseppe Polisen

Deceased Members of the Petosa Family

from her Children

from the Family

from Gino and Family

from the Family

from Maria and Raffaele Cinelli

Monday, December 6, 2021: Second Week of Advent – Saint Nicholas

(No Mass on Mondays)

Tuesday, 8:30am – December 7, 2021: MEMORIAL – Saint Ambrose

Angela Polisen & Angelina Alfonso

from the Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – December 8, 2021: SOLEMNITY - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella

from the Family

Thursday, 7:00pm – December 9, 2021: Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

For All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, 8:30am – December 10, 2021: Our Lady of Loreto

Fr. Adelchi Bertoli

from Teri Laberge and Family

Saturday, December 11, 2021: Saint John Damascus I

(In Person Mass – 4pm)

Lucille Wong

Giuseppina Lucci

Angela & Domenico Poliziani

Linus Doyle

from the Wong Family

from the Pendenza Family

from Rosa Emard

from Marion Doyle

Sunday, December 12, 2021: Third Sunday of Advent

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

(9am in-Person Mass - 11am in-Person & Livestreamed)

Giacomo Fiori

Gerry Oliver

Michele Giangaspero

Angelo D'Amico

Lionello Paoli

by his Wife, Berardina and Family

from Lucy, Ken, Josée Nadine, Philippe & Simon

from his Wife

from his Wife and Children

from Pietrina Turini Paoli

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