

GOD'S TEMPLE IS HOLY ... YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE

Whenever we speak of “church”, we often have to clarify whether we mean the **faith community**, the **institution** that structures the community, or the **building** where that community gathers. Today's Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reminds us that our faith reaches into the clay from which we are made. We celebrate this building—the Pope's own cathedral, the mother of all churches. Why? Because as humans, we need things (like our church buildings) that speak to our senses, that point us to deeper spiritual values. This is what it means to be a “sacramental” church: we are incarnate beings who need visual, tangible reminders to connect us to the life of the Spirit, to nourish our faith in Jesus.

Having returned recently from walking in the footsteps of St. Paul, the words he writes to the Corinthians in today's second reading are particularly relevant: “*Brothers and sisters, you are God's building.*” Christ is our foundation; we are the living stones that make up the Body of Christ; we are the temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells. Yes, concretely, we need a building in which to gather, to pray, to worship, to celebrate the Eucharist, from which we are sent forth to share the Good News of what we have received and who we are with the world. We need to take care of that building, to make sure that it is clean, safe, beautiful and welcoming. But even more importantly, we must honour each person – *including ourselves* – as a vessel of holiness, a dwelling-place of the Spirit, God's beloved son or daughter: “For God's temple is holy, and **you** are that temple.”

The “temple” is the church, the gathered body of Christians, the body of Christ. Each of us is a living stone building up the church on the foundation of Jesus. Today's feast is the celebration of a magnificent physical structure – and having often visited and prayed at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, I can testify to its beauty and power. But even more so, it is the celebration of our identity and unity: as Christians, we are living stones, united with each other, united with Pope Francis, the successor of Peter, the Rock on whose faith the church was built. So let us celebrate our vocation as living members of the Body of Christ, embracing the mission Christ has entrusted to his church: to build up the kingdom of God.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Life, Death, Eternal Life: *The Talk of a Lifetime*

Talking to loved ones about their lives can be rich and satisfying. The sharing of memories cements our bonds with them. However, it can sometimes be difficult to talk about questions we all face at the end of life, such as the kind of medical, emotional, and spiritual accompaniment we want to receive, and the funeral arrangements and ceremonies that respect our unique identity and our faith in the Resurrection. Join **Mary Pallett and Fr. Raymond Lafontaine** on **Wednesday, November 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall for an opportunity to discover how important it is to have “The Talk of a Lifetime”. Transportation is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 17**.

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is an opportunity for adults to gather together for a fresh and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus. Pastor Rob Bell's short films, related to real-life situations, invite us to search, question and discuss their meaning for us. Join us next **Sunday, November 16, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room for “Lump - What do we do when our past catches up to us?” Babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 14**.

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

CATHOLIC BOOK & MEDIA FAIR

Next weekend, November 15 and 16, the Daughters of St. Paul – Pauline Books & Media will be here before and after all the Eucharistic Liturgies. Please stop by the main church entrance to see their great selection of Catholic books, music CDs and DVD movies. For more information please visit www.pauline.org.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 8 TO 16, 2014

Saturday, November 8: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 In Loving Memory: Wilfred Martin & Nick Cordopati, Mike Kilbertus, Deceased members of the Charles McDonald Family, Ignazio Ciampini, Aniello D'Addio, Danny Dupont, Alessandro Palladini, Lucille Wong

Sunday, November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 Antonietta & Francesca La Posta By Concetta La Posta
Thomas & Ruthmarie Stimpson By Dennis & Linda Stimpson
11:00 Antonio & Flavio Ricci By the Family
Vincenzo Giangaspero By Michele Giangaspero

Monday, November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope

8:00 Agnese, Martino & Antonio Gagliardi By the Family
Theresa, Julian & Kevin Rooney By Gary Rooney

Tuesday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours

8:00 Italo Falcone (10th Anniversary) and By Luisa & Angelo Falcone
Italo & Anna Mariani
Carmela Saltarelli Di Lonardo By the Family

Wednesday, November 12: St. Josaphat

8:00 Susana Leon & Mary Ganoza By Elcira Leon
Madonna Della Libera, Santo Antonio By Giuseppina
& Parde Pio

Thursday, November 13: Weekday Mass

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini
Alfredo Pinillos & Martha Russo By Elcira Leon

Friday, November 14: Weekday Mass

8:00 Isa Mazzella By Daughter
Congetta Di Vingenzo and By Mafada
Raffela Zegotelli

Saturday, November 15: St. Albert the Great, Bishop

4:00 Italo Falcone (10th Anniversary) By Luisa & Angelo Falcone
and Italo & Anna Mariani
Francesco Ciampini By the Family

Sunday, November 16: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Joseph Onesi, Italo Falcone, Italo & Anna Mariani, Deceased members of the Cullen Family, Emma & Colombo Salvati.
11:00 Rosa & Luigi Mammone By Ida and Family
Vittorio Nesta By Maria Sparapani

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of November 1/2, 2014 totalled \$4,528.45 and special collection for All Souls Day totalled \$1,307.00

FOOD PANTRY SKATE-A-THON

Deacon Dennis and our food pantry volunteers would like to thank everyone who skated and raised donations for our Christmas baskets. To date, through your generosity, we have raised \$1,044. We would also like to thank Loyola High School and Concordia University for the ice time and the use of the concession stand.

LOOKING FOR OWNERS OF #47 or # 388

Do you own Sunday Donation Box #47 or box #388? If so, please call the parish office at 514-481-0271 to supply us with your name address so that we can issue a tax receipt for your 2014 donations.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND NOVEMBER 15-16 FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS!

You are Invited to the Keynote address of the Parish Vitality Conference

Be part of a unique diocesan event Nov. 13 at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. The 7 p.m. keynote address for the **Parish Vitality Conference** is open to the public. All parishioners are welcome. Featuring Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, the co-authors of *Rebuilt* will describe how their Baltimore parish was thoroughly transformed.

Limited parking is available at St. Patrick's Basilica, a 5-minute walk from the cathedral. In LaSalle, a bus will leave for the cathedral from St. John Brébeuf Parish, 7777 George St., at 6 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m. To reserve a seat on the bus (cost \$10), call 514-366-0131, ext. 223.

Also, consider attending the Catholic Community Rally, which will be held Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at Le Nouvel Hotel, 1740 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. For additional conference information, visit parishvitality.com.

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Directed by Terry Clahane & Lisa Forget--Sunday, December 7, 2014
2157 rue Centre, Montreal--Concert begins at 7:00 pm--Doors open at 6:15 pm--Tickets: \$15.00 (5\$ for children 10 yrs and under)
Available by calling the rectory at 514-937-3597

2015 Sunday Mass Books On sale starting November 15 for \$5.00

PASTORAL HOME CARE
Reflection Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, after
the 8:00 a.m. Mass