



# *Our Lady of the Assumption* **CATHOLIC PARISH**

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**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 9am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm**

### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Maurice Restivo CSB - Pastor  
Fr. Mark Gazin CSB - Parochial Vicar  
Dcn. Steven Huber CSB - Deacon  
Dcn. Paul Bezaire - Deacon  
Jean Beneteau - Pastoral Minister  
Melissa Pacitti-Fallone - Youth Ministry  
Marilyn Morrison - Bereavement Ministry

### **PARISH STAFF**

Sally McQuaid - *Secretary*  
Zeljka Trepanier - *Bookkeeper/Parking Lot Manager*  
Kevin McQuaid - *Properties*  
Tim McKinley - *Properties*

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

To Be Announced - *Chair*

### **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dan Hallett - *Chair*

### **WEEKEND MASSES MCEWAN CAMPUS**

Saturday Vigil - 5 pm  
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 7:30 pm

### **CONFESSIONS - MCEWAN CAMPUS**

Saturdays - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

### **DAILY MASSES - ROSARY CHAPEL**

Monday - 8:00am  
Tuesday - 8:00am & 12:10pm  
Wednesday - 8:00am  
Thursday - 8:00am & 12:10pm  
Friday - 8:00am

### **MORNING PRAYER - ROSARY CHAPEL**

Monday to Friday - 7:40am

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL**

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

### **BAPTISMS**

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire at the Parish Office for details of the program.

### **MARRIAGES**

Couples should be registered and active in the parish.  
Contact the Parish Office.

### **RCIA**

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith.  
Contact the Parish Office.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY:**

Guardians of the Gospel For students in JK to Grade 8 and those preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Li'l Saints Program-11am mass.

### **VISITATION OF THE SICK**

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire for arrangements.

### **FUNERALS**

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

### **DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT**

Contact Rose Marie Ruston at  
[cdsg.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:cdsg.assumption@gmail.com)

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY (519-973-7033)**

Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B. - *Chaplain*  
Jessica Lemmon - *Campus Ministers*

### **CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Assumption Parish Community Association:**

Bridget Russo - *Chairperson*

#### **Knights of Columbus:**

Michael Scott - *Grand Knight*

#### **St. Vincent de Paul:**

Holy Name of Mary Chair - Tim McKinley

Blessed Sacrament Chair - Gabe Colucci

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: BE A BEACON OF MERCY, SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP.**

Assumption Parish welcomes all visitors and we are blessed to have you with us. New parishioners are invited to introduce yourselves to a member of our pastoral team and to register in the parish.



## Third Sunday of Advent—December 16th, 2018



### From the Associate Pastors Desk...

Christmas is just over a week away ... what should we do? On this third Sunday of Advent, perhaps we might pay closer attention to today's gospel message about preparation. So many busy people today – those who go to church regularly; those who go to church once or twice a year; those who aren't baptized and haven't heard the Gospel yet. To whom is John the Baptizer speaking?

He is speaking to three groups of people. The **third group** was made up of Roman soldiers. Obviously, that is, non-Jews. They were pagans, and John's teaching *moved them* to listen. Does the practice of our faith *move* people to ask questions about our Christianity? John basically said to the soldiers, *don't practice extortion and don't falsely accuse anyone.* In other words, don't misuse your power and authority. Isn't that what has happened in our world today as **some** actors, politicians, priests, police officers, teachers, relatives, et cetera are called to account for their actions through the #metoo movement? What was John's point? He wasn't telling the pagans to do something unreasonable or extraordinary, like fasting or praying through the night. He just said: do your job with integrity; be honest. This was a big step for men and women *not* used to doing their jobs this way. It meant taking a big step forward. It meant approaching life in a spiritual way.

The **second group** was made up of tax collectors. They were a step up from the pagan soldiers – at least they were supposed to be. They were Jews, but in name alone. For all practical purposes they were living **like** pagans. They were living by the world's standards, not God's. They were living entitled lives. John wasn't telling them to do anything extraordinary. He wasn't telling them to change employment and get less materialistic jobs. He wasn't telling them to leave their families, go into the desert and do penance. He just said, live your lives in a way that is in harmony with who they proclaimed to be: God's chosen people. For people who were Jews (Catholics) in name alone, this was a tall order... it meant taking the *next* step forward; practice your Judaism (Catholicism) in fact, not just in name.

And the **first group** was composed of practicing Jews (Catholics) who were living faithful lives, but who could be doing more. John said, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." In other words, John was simply saying what the prophets had been saying for years. Treat one another as brothers and sisters. Treat each other the way you want people to treat you, if your situation was reversed. For people not used to this – again, this was a tall order. It meant taking the next step in the journey of becoming who God called you to be.

How does this apply to us? What would John say to us, if we asked him how to prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent?" John would probably reply, "well that depends on which group you are in. Just take the next step forward.

—Fr. Mark Gazin, CSB

Today's antiphon reminds us that we are "to rejoice in the Lord always." If we do that, we will spread joy and hope to those we encounter.

For many of us, thinking of spending Christmas away from our families and loved ones is unimaginable, yet for many of our neighbors and parishioners that will be a reality this Christmas-time.

Assumption Parish and Assumption Campus Ministry would like to offer some fellowship, and community support during the holiday season for the many international students in our community.

We will do that by hosting an **International Students Holiday Dinner on Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall downstairs.** If you would like to help with set up and décor, serving food, cleaning up, or advance planning, please contact Jean Beneteau at [ibeneteau@dol.ca](mailto:ibeneteau@dol.ca) or call the parish office.

If you would like to attend this event see the posters, Website or Facebook page for the required on-line (or phone) registration information. We must know how many to expect to prepare accordingly. This dinner will be catered by a local business. However if you would like to contribute an ethnic dish or dessert you are most welcome to do so. Please be sure to include an ingredients card with your dish so people can be mindful of allergies and dietary restrictions. All international students living in our vicinity are welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting the fall campaign of Development and Peace by signing the "Share the Journey" cards on this weekend International Migrants Day. Every signature helps to remind our government to make peace and human rights a priority on the global scene. We will also support Development and Peace with the "Share Lent" campaign in the Spring.

### Offering Envelopes



The 2019 Offertory Envelopes are located at the front entrance of the church. Please pick yours up today!

**ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE ENVELOPES WILL BE REASSIGNED A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER.**

- THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME **NOT** YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.
- PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR **NAME** ON THE BOX.
- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW ENVELOPES YOU USE IN 2019 THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2018 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!
- IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2018  
AND REOPEN  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2019  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, December 17th

6:00pm JK-Grade 6 Youth Ministry (McEwan Campus-Basement)

### Tuesday, December 18th

12:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Meeting (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)

7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)

7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Wednesday, December 19th

### Thursday, December 20th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)

5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Hour (Rosary Chapel)

6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:30pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Rosary Hall)

### Friday, December 21st

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)

6:00pm St. Benedict's Parish Mother's Group (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)

6:30pm Confession (Rosary Chapel)

7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

7:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Meeting (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)

### Saturday, December 22nd

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)

3:45pm Confession (McEwan Campus-Church)

5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:00pm All Are Welcome-AA Meeting (Rosary Hall)

### Sunday, December 23rd

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

**L'il Saints & God's Mighty Minions Sunday School will resume on January 13, 2019**

## ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 25th -CLOSED

December 26th - 8:00am Mass ONLY

December 27 & 28th - 8am to 8pm -Adoration

Daily Mass - 8:00am ONLY

**NO 12:10pm Masses**

**The 12:10pm Masses will resume on Thursday January 3rd, 2019**



**The Assumption Parish Mission Club would like to thank EVERYONE who came out to support our Christmas Bazaar.**

To all who those who donated items, baked goods, or lent a helping hand this could not have been done without you to make this another successful year!

All monies raised (100%) go to Local, Canadian or Foreign Missions.

**Thank you for your continued and generous support. We would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season!**

## Sunday Collection



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINES. THEY WILL BE PUT IN THE BULLETIN IN 2019.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 17th

8:00am †Kay Stobbs by her sister Betty Grant

†Dan Barron by his wife Dorene

For the Intentions of Marion & Kerry Blanchette by the Blanchette Family

### Tuesday, December 18th

8:00am †Kay Stobbs by her daughter Mary Nadon

†Annunziata Ruffolo by Frank & Rosemary Pirillo

†Tony Macri by Roberto & Lisa

12:10pm †Francesco Baldassarre by Marisa Baldassarre

†Donald Badour by his wife Margaret

For the Intentions of Gord & Mary Anne Johnston by the Blanchette Family

### Wednesday, December 19th

8:00am For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Staff by the Francos

For the Intentions of Pam & Joe Beneteau by the Blanchette Family

For the Intentions of Sheila Johnston by the Blanchette Family

### Thursday, December 20th

8:00am †Fr. Daniel Chui CSB by Mary Shiner

†Kathy Hughes by her brother David

†Gerardo Tullio by Pietro & Nina Rotondi

12:10pm †Mary Ann Ouellette by Helen Janisse

†Lucy DiLuca by her Parents, Brother & Sister

†Terence Elliott by his Mom

### Friday, December 21st

8:00am †Kay & Cheryl Stobbs by son/brother David

†Gerardo & Anna DeRubeis by Elizabeth DeRubeis & Family

†Elio & Connie Tempesta by Elizabeth DeRubeis & Family

### Saturday, December 22nd-McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

### Sunday, December 23rd-McEwan Campus

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

## Sanctuary Light Memorial

**For the week of December 16th**

**Rosary Chapel**

†Gerardo Tullio

**Assumption Church-McEwan Campus**

†For the Deceased Members of the Theriault Family

## We Welcomed Into Our Parish Family

**On Sunday December 9, 2018**

**Francis Charles Benjamin**

Son of *Charles and Heather*

**Michael Lorne Bussiere**

Son of *Alex and Jane*

**Ava Marietta DiPierdomenico**

Daughter of *Kaitlyn*

**Kaiden James Ouellette**

Son of *Kevin and Jessica*

**Logan Phonesavanh Sivilay**

Son of *Sonexay (Si) and Lucille*

Did you know we have Pre-authorized Payment plans available on our website? Go to [www.assumption.dol.ca](http://www.assumption.dol.ca) and click on

**Donate Here** and follow the instructions!

OR

Fill out a Pre-Authorized Form located at the front entrance of the church on your right hand side.

Please complete the form along with a "void" cheque and put it in the offertory basket during the collection.



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