

Mass Intentions from March 8-14, 2025

Sat. Mar 8/4:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Haughey	- Beverly Redmond
Sun. Mar 9/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Doreen Chartier Rosina Palucci Eileen Shanahan Richard & Florence Kahawita	-Teresa Baird - Sally Atallah - Palucci family - Shanahan & Scott family - Kahawita family
Wed. Mar 12/10:00 a.m.	Sarena Yvette	- Eli Levy & family
Thu. Mar 13/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Devotion 9:30 to 10:00 am

Fri. Mar 14/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross after the 10:00 am mass.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

“You must worship the Lord your GOD, and serve him alone.”

First Reading (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)

This is how the chosen people are to confess their faith.

Second Reading (Romans 10:8-13)

This is how believers in Christ profess their faith.

Gospel (Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted.

Reflection

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.

We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our GOD. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives. If we make Good use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

As we celebrate the First Sunday in Lent, we are reminded that we need to remember and be attentive to GOD's presence.

The Gospel overturns the world's ideas about power. Jesus always used his power in the service of others. He didn't abuse his power to demonstrate his authority or to prove a point in his confrontation with the devil.

Like Jesus we are encouraged to turn from the use of power to satisfy our own needs and desires. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be strengthened to follow in the footsteps of the One who unflinchingly stood up to evil and ultimately triumphed over it.

May the Lord bless you, especially this Lenten season as you are renewed in your relationship with GOD.



BRUNCH

Next Sunday, March 16, after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Tourtiere with salad & sides. Cake & Irish Coffee.

Tickets are 25\$ for adults, 10\$ for kids 10 and under.

**Tickets are available for purchase at the back of the Church.
Please see Teresa Baird or Linda Alfonso.
St. Patricks Square please see Patricia Legault.**

**Limited seating 150 adults & 50 Children.
Last minute tickets may not be available for purchase.**

In a heartfelt message to the diocesan community, Archbishop Christian Lépine asks for intensified prayers for Pope Francis as he faces health struggles. He encourages personal and communal prayer, as well as offering acts of fasting and abstinence during Lent, with a special plea for intercession from Mary, Our Lady of Ville-Marie, and Saint-Joseph.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I write to you with deep pastoral concern for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As he faces health challenges, our diocesan community in Montreal unites in fervent prayer for him.

Our Holy Father has been a steadfast example of courage and dedication, leading the Church with boldness and compassion. Now, it is our turn to surround him with our filial affection and our spiritual support.

I therefore invite you to intensify your prayers, both personally and as a community, for Pope Francis' recovery. In your parishes, your families and your moments of personal prayer, let us lift him up especially before the Lord.

During this Lenten season, let us offer our acts of fasting and abstinence for his health, uniting our intentions with those of the universal Church.

May the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Ville-Marie, and Saint-Joseph, patron of the universal Church and of our country, intercede for him before God.

May God, who is rich in mercy, bless you,

† Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1)”



What Lent means to me

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to GOD.

The Gospel is GOD's “love letter” to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds.

The miracle of inner change is possible.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones.

It calls for self-discipline.

You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Lord, as the Spirit led you into the desert to face temptation, so may that same spirit guide us this Lent as we seek to follow your way more faithfully.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intention for Kahawita family.

By – Kahawita family.

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