



**PARISH BULLETIN – CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT VERONICA’S**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEK OF JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**4:30 P.M. Sante Monti**

**Maria**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019-BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**9:00 A.M. Allan Mackinnon**

**Claire & Pierre**

**11:00 A.M. All Parishioners**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**7:00 P.M. Charles Berard & Susan Girouard**

**The Family**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**9:15 A.M. Allan Mackinnon**

**Helen Pellerin**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019-ST. ANTHONY**

**9:00 A.M. Ernie Laudi**

**Helen Winslade**

**9:30 A.M. NOON EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**9:00 A.M. Dec'd members of the Ferrie-Daley Family**

**The Family**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**4:30 P.M. All Parishioners**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019-2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 A.M. Diana Minas**

**James & Josh Morin - Surette**

**11:00 A.M. Ron Daley**

**John & Judy Turner**

# And Jesus prayed...

The celebration of Jesus' Baptism concludes the cycle of festivities around the Nativity. It is a meaningful focal point. Each year, the liturgy offers us one excerpt from the four Evangelical Gospels. Each has its own character and this year, through St. Luke's Gospel, we recall these events.

St. Matthew tells us how John the Baptist felt unworthy and hesitated to baptize Jesus. St. Mark, as does St. John the Evangelist, wrote that John the Baptist baptized in the Spirit. St. Luke with his particular understanding provides a precise detail of his own: *Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying...*

While Jesus waited patiently with others, he prayed. This was his first messianic action and he displayed the humble attitude of someone who prays while standing in line. We acknowledge this fundamental union with us. Jesus is telling us that He receives everything from his Father, which is confirmed by the voice that comes from heaven: *You are my Son*. He is blessed by the Holy Spirit: *... the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove*.

Christ's Baptism brings us to His mission. How will we react to it? His travels on the roads of Palestine will enlighten us, but we have already learned about Christ from the prophetic words of Isaiah. To add more details at the outset, Sunday's liturgy evokes the strong images that accompanied our Advent services: *Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God ... Every valley shall be lifted up ... Here is your God! ... He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them ... And gently lead the mother sheep*.

This is Christ's mission: to console, lift up valleys and free humanity from its structural flaws which generate injustice and lead to wars. His prayer, as he mingles with the crowd, is to carry all of us whom he has come to save in his heart.

If Baptism enlightened us to the totality of Christ's mission, aren't we also called to fulfill our individual missions? To quote St. Paul in his letter to Titus: *He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the waters of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*. Our Baptism, through Christ, enables us to forge new solidarities in our world. And Jesus prayed ... for each and every one of us.

*Jacques Houle, c.s.v.*

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...:** Annual Pot Luck Supper will take place at the Surrey Community Centre on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM.

**RESPONSIBLE PASTORAL MINISTRY:** As you have already heard, the Diocese of Montreal has asked all parishes to implement their "Responsible Pastoral Ministry" policy in order to promote safe, open and responsible conduct of pastoral activities. We are now in the beginning stages of implementing the diocesan policy at St. Veronica's Parish. We would like to invite you to an information meeting being held in our parish on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. A diocesan representative will be available to explain the policy and answer your questions. Please RSVP by January 12<sup>th</sup> to: [ResponsibleMinistry@videotron.ca](mailto:ResponsibleMinistry@videotron.ca).



**CWL**...next general meeting will be this coming Tuesday January 15, in the Hall after the 7pm mass. All ladies of the parish are invited!

**2019 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES:** are available in the book nooks and at the side of the church. Please take **any box** and write your name, address, postal code and telephone number on the first envelope used in 2019. **Please use only 2019 envelopes** in January and **destroy leftover 2018 envelopes**. Thank you for your cooperation.

**2018 DONATION ENVELOPES:** Parishioners using envelope numbers **118,161,274,433, and 461**. Can you please call the office as soon as possible **IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR 2018 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**. Thank You.

**SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**....on behalf of St. Peter the Apostle amounted to \$995.00. Thank you for your contribution.

**THE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND** ... amounted to \$2905.00 for the regular collection. Thank you for your contribution.

