

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 14 - 4:00pm**

*Maurice Vachon* - requested by Lee & Sue Forest and family

**Sunday, January 15**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

*James Patane* - requested by the family

**10:30am**

*Melvin Woodman* - requested by Jackie Grant

**Monday, January 16 - 8:30am**

*Ralph Messier* - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Marcel Pinard

**Tuesday, January 17 - 8:30am**

*Robert Schlottman, Anniversary of Death* - requested by his wife

**Wednesday, January 18**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, January 19 - 8:30am**

*The deceased members of the Nolin & de Repentigny families* - requested by Irene de Repentigny

**Friday, January 20 - 8:30am**

*Robert Garon* - requested by Bob & Priscilla St. Gelais

**Saturday, January 21 - 4:00pm**

*Leo Plourde, Anniversary of Death* - requested by Pauline Gagnon

**Sunday, January 22**

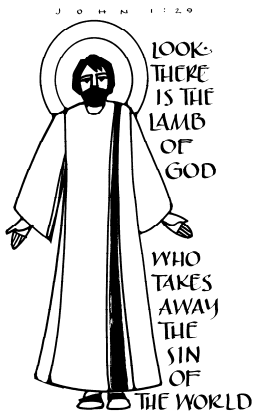
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

*Mary Richardson, Anniversary of Death* - requested by Paul Favreau & family

**10:30am**

*Lorraine LeSage* - requested by Don & Priscilla Bournival



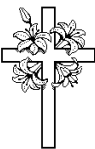
One of my favorite groups is called the "Himalayan Cataract Project." This dedicated group of nurses, ophthalmologists and technicians bring eye care to the 18 million people who have cataracts in underserved areas of the world. I admire them because I know from experience what it is to have a cataract removed. Once removed, you feel like you now see for the first time! But I am also struck by how much joy and awe the patients respond with when they actually see for the first time in their lives! They recognize the beauty and warmth of the light and the first act they perform is to hug their loved ones and notice their faces!! I think a good lesson for us who though we can see physically might be that we may often be spiritually blind to the light of Christ. Isn't it alarming that many of us go through our daily lives and cannot "see" nor "recognize" the light of God around us! There are so many bursts of loving-light given to us each day: a visit from a favorite person, a warm and encouraging greeting card, the beautiful colors of the winter sky each morning, the love of family and friends. But often we don't see God's presence in these light-giving events. We do not recognize Jesus, the Lamb of God, coming toward us in these experiences. Ironically, we seem more alert to the negative news or bad things that happen around us. We tend to believe that these experiences of "darkness" are really what the world and people are all about. In today's gospel, John the Baptist also started off his ministry by focusing on the sins of the people; he gave dire warnings to them that God was angry and would be seeking vengeance. But then John awakens to the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove from heaven and remaining upon him. He realizes that this is an outreach to him from God assuring him of God's love and presence in his life and in the world. We are so blessed by our Holy Father Pope Francis. He once said: "God did not send His Son to nail us to our sins; but to bring his mercy and forgiveness. For God is Mercy!" So my dear brothers and sisters, as each day now becomes a little lighter as we head through winter toward springtime, let us keep our eyes focused on the Light of Christ. Let us see Him for who He really is, and ourselves for who we really are: God's beloved children! ~ Fr. John



**2016 Tax Receipts**

If you utilize the offertory envelopes or online giving and would like a donation receipt for your taxes, please call the parish office and we will mail you a receipt.

Please remember in your prayers **Mary Trovato and Jane Hargis** who were called to their rest and the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord. May the Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to their loved ones.



"Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us." ~ Pope Francis



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**  
Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

Please, think about sharing one hour with Jesus in Adoration.

**Open Hours**

**Sundays 1pm**

**Tuesdays: 2pm & 5pm**

**Thursdays: 3pm**

**Saturdays: 12pm & 6pm**

For more information please call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775.



**Let us pray for these special intentions:** For all our parishioners that are homebound and in nursing homes; for all our parishioners, family and friends that are struggling with illness or recovering from surgeries; and for Virginia Clark, Robert Pelkey, Patrick Myrdhal, Maurice Allard, Jeanne Kaufman, Jeanne Richards, Jaxson Field, Lucille Bradley, Jerry Lavoie, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Paul Cody, Marcel Larochelle, Tommy Fontaine, Donna Lifman, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Chloe Carnevale, Jeannine Bouchard, Doris Gionet, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, Porfirio Gamoral, RFG, Sophia Rimmer, Barbara Joyce, Tom Cloutier, Acilda Dachowski, Jackie Caruso, Chad Cerillo, Roger Boisvert, DMR and Jack Provost.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry  
 Colleen Hayward 935-9949  
 My Brother's Keeper Sleeping Bags  
 Rosemary McNair 647-2797  
 Shoes For Kids/General Outreach  
 Lisa Siraco 622-5445  
 St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)  
 Karen McAndrew 497-2770  
 Parish Nurse Program 663-8004  
 Parish Elderly Ministry  
 Diane Steele 669-8825

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Adoration Chapel  
 Irene de Repentigny 622-7775  
 Beautification Committee  
 Fr. John 622-5445  
 Boy/Cub Scouts  
 Ron St. Cyr 622-8182  
 Parish Prayer Line  
 Gemma Houde 668-3993  
 Young Adult Faith Formation/Confirmation  
 Dan & Debbie Goulet (Year 1) 623-5354  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien (Year 2) 315-7623  
 Funeral Ministry  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien 622-5445  
 Liturgical Ministers  
 (Eucharist Lectors, Altar Servers)  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien 622-5445  
 Memorial Meals  
 Gloria Pilotte 623-8173  
 Terry Sylvain 669-2582  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan 622-7138  
 Religious Education (Gr. 1-7)  
 Martha & Steve Donohue 627-4868  
 Respect Life 622-5445  
 RCIA  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien 622-5445  
 Secular Franciscan Order  
 Nick Cort 224-4605  
 Social Committee  
 Donna Guertin 669-5232  
 Spirits Alive!  
 Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan 622-7138  
 Youth Group  
 Ellen Donohue 867-8881

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick  
 Fr. John Bucchino, ofm 622-5445

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Music Director & Organist, Adult Choir and Cantors:  
 James Butka 540-7638

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: January 7 & 8, 2017**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,185.17  
 Loose \$ 723.85  
 Electronic Offering \$1,427.00  
**Total Offertory: \$5,336.02**

**Parish Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$117.50  
 Food Pantry: \$ -0-

**General Fund**

Candles: \$78.00  
 Adoration Chapel: \$26.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and our Outreach Programs.*



**Sunday, January 15**

\* Religious Ed classes , grades 1-7, 9am, church hall  
 \* Cub Scouts Cake Auction, 11:30am, church hall

**Monday, January 16**

\* Spirits Alive!, 3:30pm, mercy house  
 \* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

**Tuesday, January 17**

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass  
 \* Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm, friary

**Wednesday, January 18**

\* NO St. Anne's Closet today  
 \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names K-P  
 \* Youth Faith Formation class, 6pm, church hall  
 \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, January 19**

\* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, mercy house  
 \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

**Sunday, January 22**

\* Religious Ed classes , grades 1-7, 9am, church hall

**SACRED HEART CHURCH VALENTINE DINNER**

**\*Complete Roast Chicken Dinner\***  
 SUPPLIED BY THE PURITAN BACKROOM

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

\$15 per person (seating is limited)  
 Doors open at 5:00 p.m.  
 Dinner Served in Church Hall 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**RAFFLE:** Win a Dinner with Bishop Peter Libasci \$10 per Ticket

Drawing ON Saturday, February 11 at the dinner (You do not have to be present to win).

Purchase advanced tickets after Mass on Sundays or call the Parish Office.

**Parish Nurse Program:** Feeling blue? Feeling sad, withdrawn, tired, anxious, hopeless? Come discover if you are on the scale and what's available for support and help.

Sign up for a free, 30-minute, one-on-one session on Tue, Feb 21, 2017—8:30 AM-noon Rivier Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner students, with their instructors, in collaboration with the CMC Parish Nurse Program will be offering free depression screenings.

Parish of Transfiguration 107 Alsace Street. Please call to register: 603.663.800

**300 Club - Week 2**

#5 Mary (Tim) Fisk; #154 Madison Schooley; #227 Joseph & Patricia Gallagher; #270 Diane Davis & #303 Pat & Gary Gardner



The 300 Club is a "painless" way for parishioners to support the parish, yet contribute to one of our most valuable fundraisers. Upon joining the club, you will receive a number. Cost is \$20 (\$1 each week for 20 weeks) to retain this number. Each week, for 20 weeks, five \$10 winners are drawn. You are eligible to win every week as long as your club is paid up to date. On the 21<sup>st</sup> week, the Grand Drawing is held and \$1800 in prizes are awarded to the lucky winners: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, 4-\$50's & 5-\$20's. This club generates \$15,000 annually if we have a full club of 300 parishioners. \$7,500 is given back to you, the club members, and \$7,500 stays with the parish to help pay parish general expenses.

A new club has begun. To get your lucky number you can stop by or call Lisa in the parish office (622-5445), or call one of the captains: Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173 or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.