

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2012

TEMPTATIONS

The Gospel today describes a remarkable success story with a twist. Jesus was a guest at Simon's house and because He was so popular, the whole city... gathered around the door. The next day the disciples were delighted to say: Everyone is talking about You! Mark shares these details with us and provides us with even more information. Instead of meeting His fans, Jesus went off into the desert. Mark reminds us that the desert is not only a peaceful, reflective place but also one of temptation where Jesus was presented with three seductive proposals.

- 1- Numbers: We are impressed by big numbers. Jesus refused to be tempted by numbers. His success would only be measured by the steadfast convictions of disciples who would follow Him to the end.
- 2- Actions: Our society often values efficiency to the extent that we are tempted to measure a person's worth based on his or her output. The disciples misunderstood and thought that Jesus was wasting His time in prayer. They fully expected Him to return to His fans. However Jesus knew that actions won't necessarily lead to fulfillment unless they are based on a profound and personal relationship with God.
- 3- Pleasing Others: Simon-Peter was Jesus' friend. He was among the first disciples to follow Him; he welcomed Him into his home. Why wouldn't Jesus listen to him and return to the crowds at Capernaum? At this point, Jesus began to teach Simon-Peter. He showed him that a true friend is not someone who looks for ways to please but one who will help you whenever possible....

Seductive offers will always tempt us but our Church is facing difficult times head on. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the strength to resist temptation, just as Christ did.

Fr. Georges Madore

THE HOMILIST THIS WEEKEND IS MSGR. FRANCIS COYLE, OUR PASTOR.

MEMORIAL CHALICES

This Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass, the chalice used is that of Fr. Donald Joseph Feron, ordained on June 14, 1930, and died on January 10, 1973. He was at the time, pastor of St. Thomas More in Verdun.

First Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7 – *Sorrow fills all my days.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23 – *Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!*

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39 – *Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.*

For further reflection on the Readings and Gospel,
visit <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

GIVING TO THE BASILICA

Please consider increasing your donation to help offset two years of operating loss!

Did you know that you can give your weekly donation through your Visa or MasterCard? Did you know that you can donate through our website www.stpatricksmtl.ca?

Did you know that you can dedicate an insurance policy to the Basilica and receive a tax receipt for your premiums? For more information please call Mary McGovern at the parish office at 514-866-7379



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THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR THE PARISH CHILDREN

First Reconciliation for First Communion: Saturday, March 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. in Congress Hall.

First Communion: Sunday, May 20th at the 12:30 p.m. Mass. *Meeting with the parents for First Communion will be on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., in Congress Hall at St. Patrick's and children will practice in the Church.*

Reconciliation For Confirmation: March 10th, at 9:30 a.m. in Congress Hall

Confirmation: Sunday, May 27th at the 12:30 p.m. Mass. Bishop Thomas Dowd will confer the Sacrament. *Meeting with the parents and sponsors for Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Congress Hall at St. Patrick's, while the children practice in Church.*

Holy Spirit Day

Holy Spirit Day at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral will be Sunday, March 25th, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is compulsory and only for Grade 6 Confirmandi attending St. Patrick's Basilica.

Please note that there will be no Faith First classes on March 17/18.

TAX RECEIPTS

The 2011 tax receipts were mailed out last week. Msgr. Coyle wishes to thank everyone for their generous support.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the Green Room. Come and meet some new people! Join us in some lively discussions and share a few good laughs. Help us to spread the message of the Gospel through our good works for others. Refreshments are provided. Contact: Maureen Gomes at 514-633-9424 or email: dryfus@sympatico.ca

COME AND SEE EVENING

'Come and See' Evenings are held once a month at **St. Willibrord's Parish**. The next meeting will take place on **Friday, February 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men 18 to 54 years old, who may be discerning a **vocation** to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the **priesthood**, to share in fellowship and to explore their **call** together. For information: **Diocesan Vocations at (514) 925-4348 or vocationsmtl@hotmail.com**

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is a constant reminder of the presence of God in our midst. You may sponsor the burning of the Basilica's Sanctuary Lamp for a week to memorialize a departed loved one, or as a special intention, and their name will be listed in the bulletin (if so desired). The stipend is \$30.00. Each request will be honoured in the order that they are received. Please contact the Parish office for information.

Vocation View: Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming Good News: the task of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of Good News? (Mark 1:29-39)

REMINDER: ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22ND.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week **in Memory of Deceased Parishioners**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, February 4, 2012

5:00 p.m. Bridget Griffin *requested by* the Griffin Family

Sunday, February 5, 2012

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Boyd Family *requested by* Dr. Mark Boyd

11:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Michael McEntee *requested by* John & Janet Faherty

5:00 p.m. Mrs. Antoinette Aspri *requested by* Mrs. L. Carbonari

Monday, February 6, 2012

12:10 pm Cecilia Chin *requested by* Margaret Chao

5:15 p.m. William Doucette *requested by* Deborah & Mark Perry

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

12:10 p.m. Ely Guerrero *requested by* Aurora Guerrero

5:15 p.m. Luigi Vuoto *requested by* the Vuoto Family

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

12:10 p.m. Sandra Anne Brown *requested by* Eda Kistler & friends

5:15 p.m. Norma Olivier *requested by* Edmund Olivier

Thursday, February 9, 2012

12:10 p.m. Nathalie De Charette *requested by* Margo MacGillivray

5:15 p.m. Special Intentions *requested by* Marie Simmons

Friday, February 10, 2012

12:10 p.m. Mary, Patrick & Catherine O'Keeffe *requested by* Pat O'Keeffe

5:15 p.m. Mr. Richard O'Brien *requested by* the Alexander Family

Saturday, February 11, 2012

5:00 p.m. Henry Tamaro *requested by* Louise Tamaro

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

NEW REGISTRATION CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FAMILY NAME: _____

GIVEN NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

CHILDREN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: AT WORK: _____ AT HOME: _____

EMAIL: _____

DO YOU CONTRIBUTE WEEKLY? _____ OCCASIONALLY? _____

Clergy at your Service

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Coyle, C.S.S., Pastor

Rev. Fr. Jason Piper, Assistant Priest

Dr. Gordon Williams, Deacon

Parish Office

Administrator: Mary McGovern

Parish Secretary: Moira LeBlanc-Todd

Admin. Assistant: Margo MacGillivray

Telephone: 514-866-7379

Fax: 514-954-1218

Email: info@stpatricksmtl.ca

WebPage: www.stpatricksmtl.ca

Choir and Music

Music Director and organist: Kevin Savor

Auxiliary organist: John Guzik

Cantor: Carol McCormick

New members are always welcome, please contact the Parish office.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Parents and godparents are asked to attend a preparation course, usually held in the week before the Baptism. The parents must be registered members of the parish. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

Marriages

Couples wishing to marry at St. Patrick's are asked to contact the Parish office for further information. The future bride and/or groom must be a registered parishioner for at least 6 months prior to reserving a date for their marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard fifteen minutes before all weekday and weekend masses.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

If you, or a member of your family wish to have a priest or Eucharistic minister visit, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Legion of Mary

Juana Carbon, President

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Room (Sacristy). An apostolate of prayer and service. Info: Parish office 514-866-7379

Catholic Women's League

CWL Montreal Council meets monthly on Saturdays in the Green room from September to April. Refreshments served. Join us! Contact: Maureen Gomes (President) at 514-633-9424 or email: dryfus@sympatico.ca

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

12:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations

Monday to Friday: 12:10 and 5:15 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday: 12:10 and 5:15 p.m. masses

Wardens

Mrs. Lynn Lonergan Doyle

Mrs. Lorna Telfer

Mr. Robert Raizenne

Mr. Brian O'Neill

Mr. Dan Sullivan

Mrs. Beverley Rozek

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for anyone considering conversion to Catholicism, or who as an adult wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The program is offered at St. Patrick's beginning in the Fall. For more information, please call 514-866-7379 or email info@stpatricksmtl.ca.

Faith First

Ann Nagy, coordinator of the program and her team, provide religious instruction, which also involves sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, to children in Levels 1 to 6 at the weekend masses. For further information, please contact Ann Nagy at 514-866-7379 or nagy@stpatricksmtl.ca

Green-Room Coffee

Coffee is served by volunteers every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic celebration from September to June.

Soup Kitchen

Served in the Green Room every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to those in need.

Hearing-Impaired Worshippers

St. Patrick's Basilica's sound system is equipped with an audio system that enables hearing-impaired worshippers to tune their digital receiver into the frequency of the system in order to receive a broadcast of the Mass. If you wish to avail yourselves of this please bring your own digital receiver and earphones and tune into 89.9 FM.

Knights of Columbus

4th Degree D'Arcy, McGee Assembly

Brian McBrien 514-768-5217