Christmas Mass during the Night

Concelebrant: Fr. Robert Pierre-Louis, Assistant Priest
MC: Charles Taker
Deacon of the Word: Deacon Ciaran Pitchford
Deacon of the Altar: Deacon Dr. Gordon Williams
Commentator: Rosalia Panarello
Lectors: Pierre-Louis Houle and Anna Elisio
Thurifer: Clifford Sobkowicz
Incense Bearer: Joseph Timbang
Holy Water: Laura Farell
Acolytes: Tracy Trono and Tyra Trono
Cross Bearer: Stuart Tigchelaar
Bearer of the Infant Jesus: Benjamin Cunanan
Gift Bearers: Jennilyn Guevarra, Richard Cunanan and Benjamin, Charles and Neil Cunanan.

Eucharistic Ministers: (not already mentioned): Sonia Fauteux, Caroline Gauvin Hum, Christine Jean Kim, Tyler Journeaux-Graham and Adrian Raymundo, under the direction of Charles Taker
Junior Servers: under the direction of Maria Vaillancourt
Ushers: The Knights of Columbus
Sacristans: Filippo Raveenthiran and Gerry McCormick

7:30 p.m.
Saint Patrick’s Basilica Choir
Director and Organist: Kevin Savor
Cantor & Soloist: John Guzik and Catherine Dupressoir
Violins: Cristina Mondiru and Maria Mondiru

8:00 p.m.
Christmas Mass
O Holy Night ~ soloist Catherine Dupressoir
Procession: Adeste Fideles, O Come All Ye Faithful
Blessing of the Crèche: Puer Natus in Bethlehem
Greeting: Rev. Msgr. Francis John Coyle
Kyrie: Haydn
Gloria Haydn
Collect

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7
Psalm: ¶. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
(Psalm 96)
Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia – Tavener, arranged by Kevin Savor
Gospel: Luke 2.1-16  
(Proclaimed by Deacon Ciaran Pitchford)

Homily: Msgr. Francis John Coyle, Pastor.

Profession of Faith
Prayer of the Faithful: Ἄρχον, Lord, hear our prayer.
Presentation of the Gifts: The Cunanan Family

Offertory: Rejoice Earth and Heaven - Buxtehude
Sanctus: Mozart
Eucharistic Prayer: Rutter – arr. Kevin Savor
Agnus Dei
Communion Alleluia – Randall Thompson
Christmas Candle – Will Todd

Prayer after Communion
Final Blessing
Recessional:

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the new-born King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the new-born King!

Postlude: Noel – Louis-Claude D’Aquinn

New Year’s Eve
Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31st
Mass of Anticipation - 5:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day
Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1st, 2020
11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
(Basilica closes at 1:30 p.m.)

EXCEPTIONAL TAX BENEFITS FOR CULTURAL DONATIONS
Over the past several years, the provincial government has been encouraging individuals to donate to cultural organizations. As such, first-time large cultural donations ($5,000 and more) entitle the claimant to an additional 25% tax credit on the eligible amount. *Estimated actual cost of a $5,000 donation is $1,136; $10,000 donation is $2,236 and a $25,000 donation is $5,536.
Saint Patrick’s Basilica Restoration Foundation, our funding body for major repairs to the Basilica, qualifies as a cultural organization for tax purposes. For further information call Mary 514-866-7379 or email mcgovern@stpatrikcsmtl.ca. * Based on 2018 tax rates
“For unto us a Child is born. Unto us, a Son is given.”
(Isaiah 9:6)

A light that dispels all clouds of despair, all clouds of war and division, all clouds of hate and hostility.
A light that brings hope, love, joy, peace, reconciliation and forgiveness.
And that light is Jesus Christ our Lord.
Wishing Peace and Joy to you this Christmas,
Your Pastor,

Msgr. Francis John Coyle C.S.S.

TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE
Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crèche immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crèche at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one’s children. The crèche helps us contemplate the mystery of God’s love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the Mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crèche can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who “though he was rich he made himself poor” for us (2 Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the angel’s words: “Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes” (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas.

Pope Benedict XVI
SAINT PATRICK’S BASILICA
MONTREAL, QUEBEC

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A Welcoming and Reconciling Community

Christmas 2019

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Choir and Music
Music Director and organist: Kevin Savor
Auxiliary organist: John Guzik
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.

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

Legion of Mary
Igna Jacobe, President
Meets every Tuesday at 6:10 p.m. in the Red Room (Sacristy). An apostolate of prayer and service. Info: Parish office 514-866-7379

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

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 Celebration
Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Tuesday: 12:10 and 5:15 p.m. masses

Wardens
Lynn Lonergan Doyle, John Galic, Olga Hrycak, Peter O’Brien, Robert Raizenne, Lorna Telfer

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.

Catechism
Maria Vaillancourt, 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 Maria at 514-866-7379 or mariav@stpatricksmtl.ca.

Catholic Women’s League
CWL Montreal Council meets monthly on Saturdays in the Green Room from September to April. Refreshments served. Join us! Contact: Linda (President) email: info.cwl.montrealcitycouncil@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus
4th Degree D’Arcy, McGee Assembly
Brian McBrien 514-768-5217

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 88.1 FM

For abuse-related complaints, the public is urged to contact diocesan authorities through two confidential means: 514-925-4321 or by assistance@diocesemontreal.org.
History of St. Patrick’s Basilica
St. Patrick’s Church was opened on March 17th, 1847 to serve the needs of the Irish immigrants who had come to Montreal in great numbers due to the famine and other troubles in Ireland. The church was built in the Gothic Revival style on a promontory overlooking the City of Montreal. Its spire could be seen by all. Over the years the city grew north, east and west with the result that the church is now surrounded by modern-day Montreal. St. Patrick’s Church was raised to the status of Minor Basilica by His Holiness, Pope John-Paul II in 1989 because of its historical importance as the mother church of the English-speaking Catholics of greater Montreal. The Basilica has been designated a Historical Monument by the Government of Quebec and as a National Historic Site by the Government of Canada.