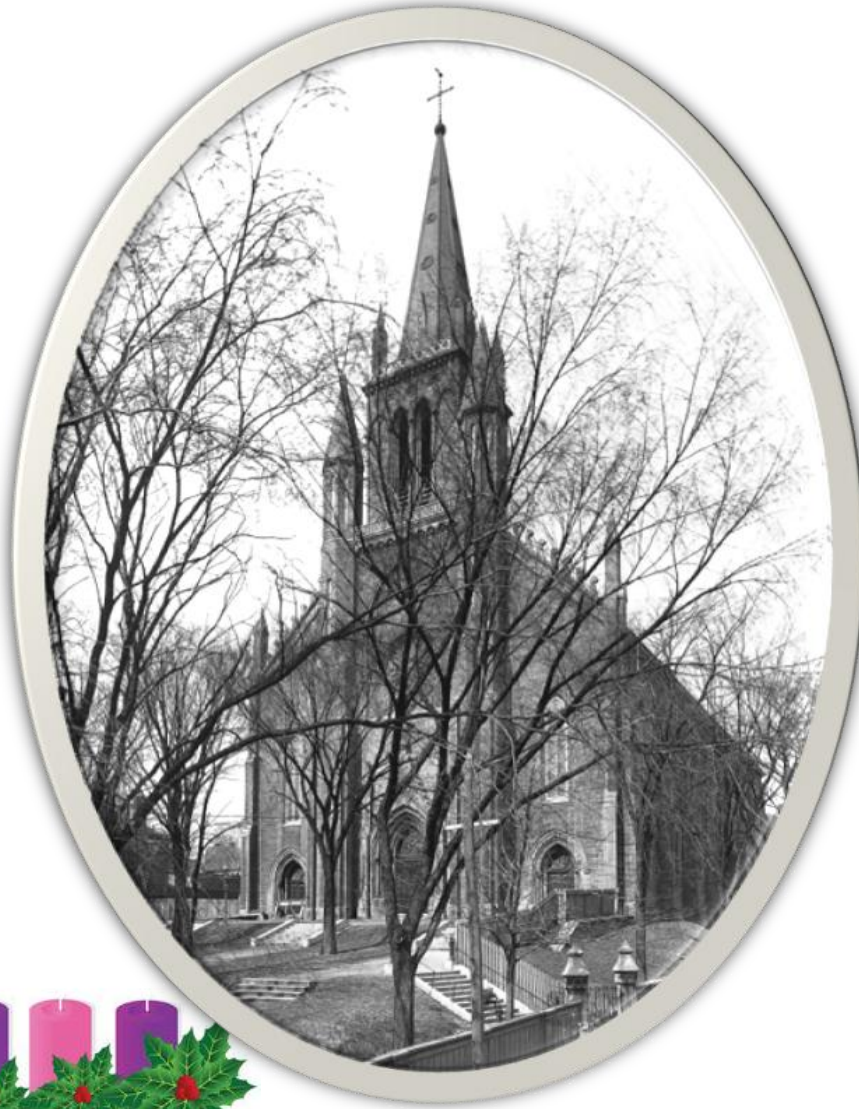


SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA

MONTREAL - QUEBEC

1847-2024

A Welcoming and Reconciling Community



December 1st, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16 – *I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.*
Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 3.12-4.2 – *May the Lord strengthen your hearts when Christ comes among us.*
Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36 – *Your redemption is drawing near.*

For further reflection on the Readings and Gospel, visit:
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for our sick: André Marcil, Jean R. Borjal, Milagros Punzalan, Maria Jesusa Fajardo, Santino Landivar, Pacita Parayno, Gus Settecase, John McGee, Akka, Maria Rodelyn Arellano, Deonarine Seemangal, Bala Doss, Maria Lourdes Fagtanan, Edward Brennan, Marilyn Cantila, Denyse Leclerc, Pierre Pelletier, Daniel Rochette, Patty Emerson Webb, Tania White, Vanessa Gangai, Charles Bouchard, Nelly David, Rose Marie Arellano, Fernand Roy, Guy Belanger, Alyssa Morellato, Peter Shin Bum Moon and Theresa Yongok Moon. Please contact the Parish Office to add the name of someone for whom you would like prayers, 514-866-7379 or info@stpatricksmtl.ca.



ADVENT WREATH

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. It is blessed at the beginning of each Mass on the First Sunday.

YOUNG ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are a young adult and looking to share the challenges of being a young adult in the Church and world today, join us this Sunday, December 1st, in the sacristy after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For more information call the Parish Office at 514-866-7379 or email info@stpatricksmtl.ca.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Each year the parish helps an average of 20 adults (usually patrons of our soup kitchen) living in the area surrounding the Basilica. We are collecting **new, good quality, men's and women's toiletries, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, Christmas candy/chocolates**, and **monetary** donations. All funds coming from the Poor Box in December will go towards the baskets. If you wish to contribute, please do so **by December 6th** and please deliver your contribution to the Parish Office during the week or call 514-866-7379.

ADVERTISING IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN:

We have many spaces available on the back page of our bulletin for advertising. If you are interested in supporting your parish with this service, please call the Parish Office at 514-866-7379.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Saint Patrick's Parish could not function without its numerous volunteers whose service forms part of our mission and raison d'être. Every year we show our gratitude to them at a Christmas lunch. One of the features of the lunch is a raffle. If you would like to show your appreciation of their ministry of putting others first, please consider dropping off a gift at the parish office for the raffle **by December 6th**. Contact us at 514-866-7379 or info@stpatricksmtl.ca for further information.

SAINT PATRICK'S CHOIR

The choir at St. Patrick's Basilica is in need of new members. We are searching for skillful singers who have an interest in participating in the traditions of Catholic liturgical music. For over 175 years the choir has been an essential part of the Basilica. If you would like to connect to this liturgical tradition, can read music, and are available Wednesday evenings and Sunday 11am Mass, please contact the office, attention John Guzik. info@stpatricksmtl.ca

CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE – BAKE SALE

Your Montreal City Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada presents their Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale on **December 14th and December 15th**. Come and join us *after* the Saturday and Sunday Masses! A wonderful selection of baked goods, bazaar items, Christmas décor and many Raffle prizes awaits you. Your support is greatly appreciated, as it is your support that helps us to continue aiding the less fortunate in our community. The ladies of the Montreal City CWL Council thank you and see you at the Bazaar & Bake Sale.

HELPING YOUR PARISH

Please consider making an offering to Saint Patrick's. Please know that there are many ways to give to Saint Patrick's, through our weekly envelope system, by Credit Card, by internet through our website (Canada Helps) and by Interac transfer (e-transfer) to our email address info@stpatricksmtl.ca. (As well as our new TipTap donation devices – *no receipt*).

Thank you, *Mary McGovern & Rachael Egbe*

SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES

Have you ever wondered where some parishioners attending mass get their envelopes for the collection basket? They are using the boxed set envelopes which are a set of weekly envelopes for the year in question with an assigned unique number. Having a set of weekly envelopes with your own number allows you the freedom of giving discreetly, to be able to prepare the envelope ahead of time and helps us keep track of your donations. This allows you to get a year-end donation receipt. The boxed sets are provided each year to our Parishioners. ***If you would like to have one, please contact the Parish Office, 514-866-7379 or email: info@stpatricksmtl.ca***

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

It is important to stay connected to the Parish. One way is to be registered in Saint Patrick's parish database. Remember, we cannot know who you are unless you make yourself known to us. ***Please register with us even if you are not a weekly worshipper.***

<https://stpatricksmtl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/form.pdf>

~ The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in loving memory of Maurice Beaudin as requested by family. ~

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.

If you would like to contribute in maintaining this historical and religious basilica, please consider giving to Saint Patrick's Restoration Foundation where the full amount is put towards restoring our Basilica. All donations will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Mass intentions

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	November 30th Eugenia Pimentel Cordeiro <i>requested by</i> Valentina Cordeiro
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	December 1st Moana Biddle Gengalo <i>requested by</i> her husband Edward <i>Pro Populo</i> Liam McAleer <i>requested by</i> Francis Scarpaleggia
Monday, 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	December 2nd In Thanksgiving <i>requested by</i> Pierrette Leclerc Rita McAlinden <i>requested by</i> Beverly Cooper
Tuesday, 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	December 3rd Deceased members of the Elisio & Di Paola Families <i>requested by</i> Anna Elisio Deceased members of the Martin & Tupaz Families <i>requested by</i> Teresita Tupaz
Wednesday 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	December 4th Adam Taylor <i>requested by</i> his family Edsel Canto <i>requested by</i> the Tayco Family
Thursday, 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	December 5th Teresa Dal Lago <i>requested by</i> her daughter Ida Rodgers Bonevie <i>requested by</i> Faustino Family
Friday, 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	December 6th Lucia Martignetti <i>requested by</i> her son Anthony Musto In Thanksgiving <i>requested by</i> Esteban Mendez Valdés
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	December 7th Alejo Valdés Miranda <i>requested by</i> Maria Antonieta Valdés

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Clergy at your Service

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Coyle, C.S.S., Pastor
Ciaran Pitchford, Deacon
Dr. Gordon Williams, Deacon Emeritus

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Choir and Music

Music Director: John Guzik
Music Director Emeritus: Kevin Savor

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)

Heard after mass.

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 after the 11 a.m. mass 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.

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharistic Celebration

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday: 12:10 p.m. mass

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 contact the Parish Office.

Catechism: Registration in September

Religious instruction for children, which also involves sacramental preparation: please contact Adam at 514-866-7379 or adamp@stpatricksmtl.ca

Young Adult Discussion Group

Are you a young adult? The Saint Patrick's Young Adult Group welcomes you to join at our next faith meeting. Join us in the sacristy after the 5pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Montreal City Council meets monthly on Saturdays. If you would like to attend and learn about our efforts in faith, service, and social justice, please contact : colleencattiny@gmail.com

Legion of Mary

Lisa Dalyop, President
Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Room

Hearing-Impaired Worshippers

St. Patrick's Basilica's sound system is equipped so that it enables hearing-impaired worshippers to listen through a digital device set to **88.1 FM**

For abuse-related complaints, the public is urged to contact diocesan authorities through two confidential means: 514-752-4683 or by plainte@ombudsman-ecm.com

