

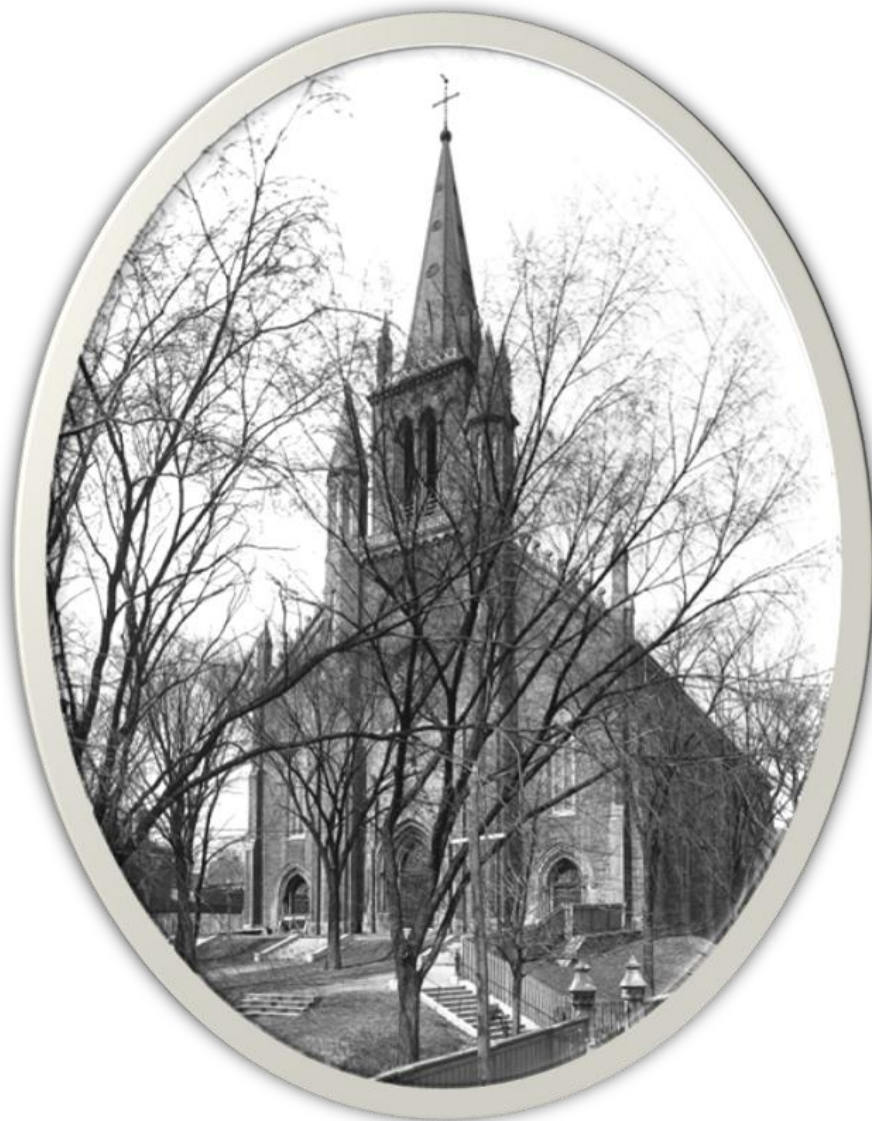
# SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA

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**A Welcoming and Reconciling Community**



**The First Sunday of Lent**

**March 9, 2025**

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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26.4-10 – *This is how the chosen people are to confess their faith.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 10.8-13 – *This is how believers in Christ profess their faith.*

**Gospel:** Luke 4.1-13 – *Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted.*

**For further reflection on the Readings and Gospel, visit:**

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

## SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE ON MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>

Please make a note of the change in the mass schedule for that Sunday:



### GREEN MASS AT 10:00 A.M.



THE NEXT MASS WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M.

**The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses are cancelled for that Sunday only.**

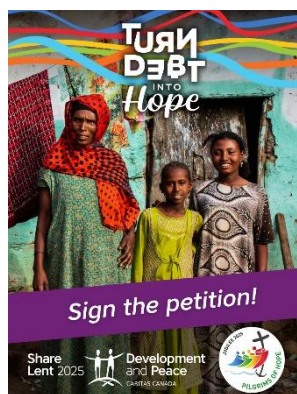
**This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Montreal St-Patrick's Parade!!** The Parade will take place on Sunday March 16th at 12 Noon. The starting point will be on **Boulevard de Maisonneuve, at Saint-Marc and go east up to Saint-Urbain Street** (the parade no longer travels along Sainte-Catherine Street). For more information and details, please see the United Irish Societies at <https://unitedirishsocieties.ca/parade/>



## THE RITE OF SENDING FORTH & THE RITE OF ELECTION

The *Rite of Sending Forth* for our Catechumens takes place here at the 11 a.m. Mass this Sunday. The *Rite of Election* will be celebrated at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, at 2:30 p.m. All are invited to attend

## A SIGNATURE TO TURN DEBT INTO HOPE



Next Sunday, March 16, you will be invited to sign the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call: *"In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice."* (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. **Sign now at [devp.org/debt](https://devp.org/debt).** Thank you for your solidarity!

**Development and Peace**, 555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th Floor, Montreal (Quebec) Canada H2Z 1B1; Phone: 514-257-8711; Toll-free: 1-888-234-8533; Email: [info@devp.org](mailto:info@devp.org)

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Please pray for our sick: André Marcil, Jean R. Borjal, Milagros Punzalan, Maria Jesusa Fajardo, Santino Landivar, Gus Settecase, John McGee, Akka, Maria Rodelyn Arellano, Deonarine Seemangal, Bala Doss, Maria Lourdes Fagtanan, Edward Brennan, Merylyn 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 and Theresa Moon, Enslie Atwood, Andrew Cabana and Sharon Tanguay. Please contact the Parish Office to add the name of someone for whom you would like prayers, 514-866-7379 or [info@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto:info@stpatricksmtl.ca).

## BOXED SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2025

The Boxed Sets of Sunday Envelopes are ready to be picked up at the west door of the Basilica. If you are not using envelopes and would like a set please call the Parish Office 514-866-7379.

## LATIN MASS:

There will be **no** Latin Mass in the month of March (as it falls on the Feast of Saint Patrick), and not in April (as it falls on Easter Sunday).

## 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 or email: [info@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto: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.*

## 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](mailto:info@stpatricksmtl.ca). (As well as our new TipTap donation devices – *no receipt*).

Thank you, *Mary McGovern & Rachael Egbe*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Have you noticed at mass the celebrant mentioning an intention for the mass and perhaps wondering what this is? A mass intention can be offered for a deceased person, or in Thanksgiving, or for a Special Intention (i.e. request for healing, help, guidance, special moments birthdays or anniversaries). Here at Saint Patrick's, you can request a mass intention by contacting the Parish Office. The offering is \$15 which "supports the church and its works" (the amount is set by the Archdiocese of Montreal). The mass times available for intentions are weekdays at 12:10 p.m. and on weekends: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 and 5:00 p.m. The 11 a.m. mass on Sundays is *Pro Populo* which is reserved for the intentions of the Parish and all its Parishioners.

## VOCATION VIEW:

What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support. (Luke 4:1-13)



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## Prayers for Pope Francis

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Our Lord,

As Francis, our beloved pope, suffers from grave illnesses,  
we come before you in prayer.

We ask you to look with mercy on your servant Francis,  
who has served you devotedly and tirelessly  
as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and as pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian  
sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son  
showed to all he encountered in his public ministry,  
especially those who were poor or in any way struggling.

During his papacy, Francis has striven to imitate your Son  
by reaching out to all who were feeling abandoned, ignored or neglected,  
making it his special task to care for those who were in any way sick.

As Francis himself now faces serious and complex illnesses,  
help the doctors, nurses and medical team who care for him,  
help him bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly.

Send your Holy Spirit, your own breath, into his weakened lungs  
to heal him, inspire him and raise him up again  
so that he may live out his vocation as the Vicar of Christ.

But if it is your will, loving God, to take him to yourself,  
let his passing into new life be painless and peaceful.

We ask all this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

*Based on a prayer published in [America Magazine](#), February 24, 2025.*

## HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S BASILICA

St. Patrick's Church was opened on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

~ The Sanctuary Lamp burning this week is in memory of the Deceased members of the Dos Santos Family. ~

## Mass intentions

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b> Beverly Murphy <i>requested by</i> the family
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b> Liam S. D. McAleer <i>requested by</i> his mom Mary, father Sean & sister Sarah. <i>Pro Populo</i> Martin Conway <i>requested by</i> Jo-Ann & Marilyn Conway
<b>Monday,</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b> Souls in Purgatory <i>requested by</i> Gabriela Ene In Thanksgiving <i>requested by</i> Mr. & Mrs. Mendez
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:10 p.m.	<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b> Carol Ann Bryant <i>requested by</i> the Coyle Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b> Corinne Shanahan <i>requested by</i> Larry O'Connell Mrs. Margaret Chao <i>requested by</i> her husband Tony
<b>Thursday,</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b> All Souls <i>requested by</i> the Parishioners John & Vera Dos Santos & Gregory <i>requested by</i> A. Dos Santos
<b>Friday,</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b> A. G. & Vera Dos Santos <i>requested by</i> A. Dos Santos Special Intention for the Fajardo Family <i>requested by</i> Maria Jesusa Fajardo
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b> Leon Boudreau <i>requested by</i> brother Ron & Cathy

## **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH: 454 RENÉ-LÉVESQUE BLVD. WEST, MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC H2Z 1A7**

### Clergy at your Service

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Coyle, C.S.S., Pastor  
Fr. Nathan, H.G.N., Associate Pastor  
Ciaran Pitchford, Deacon  
Dr. Gordon Williams, Deacon Emeritus

### Parish Office

Interim Executive Director: Mary McGovern  
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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.

### Legion of Mary

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

### 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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, with mass at 12:10 p.m.

### 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 Pywowarczuk at 514-866-7379 or [adamp@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto: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](mailto:colleencattiny@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:plainte@ombudsman-ecm.com)

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