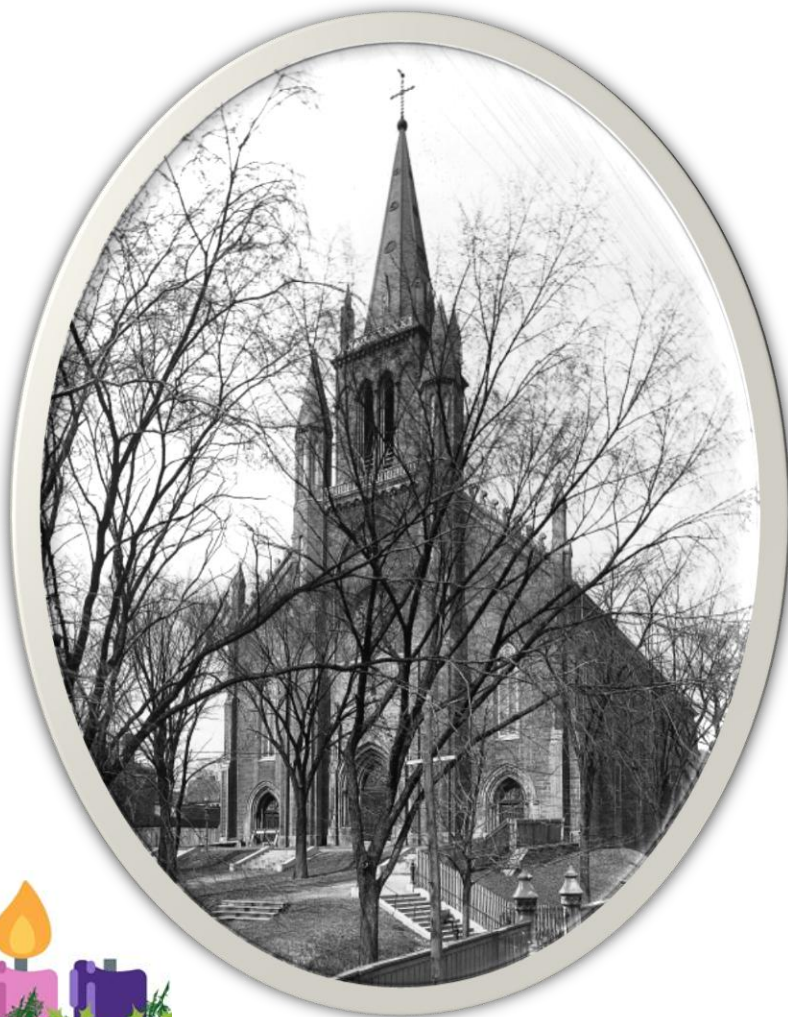


# SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA MONTREAL - QUEBEC

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**A Welcoming and Reconciling Community**



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**First Reading:** Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 – *God himself will come and save us.*

**Second Reading:** James 5.7-10 – *Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 11.2-11 – *Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?*

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

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

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for our sick: Alyssa Morellato, André Marcil, Dorothy Nolet, Myrna De Silva, Nila Villegas, Maria Drobny, Ken Fitzgerald, Dan Russell, Gary Seymour, Martin Leclerc, Saymonn Russell, Tomasso Pozzmoli, Armando Chan, Maxine Lavereau, Anna Cicchelli, Jean R. Borjal, Milagros A. Punzalan, Bala Doss and Jean-Paul Petit. Please contact the Parish Office to add the name of someone for whom you would like prayers, [info@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto:info@stpatricksmtl.ca).

## ROSE VESTMENTS – A TREASURE OF OUR TRADITION

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin for “rejoice”, and so the name for this Third Sunday of Advent is drawn from the opening verse of the Entrance Antiphon in the Latin mass texts. The antiphon encourages us to be joyful. “Rejoice! The Lord is near!” So today’s mood is one of joy.

On this particular Sunday, as well as on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, it was the traditional custom to wear rose vestments, signifying the joy of the liturgical celebration in contrast to the usual purple vesture of Advent. A few churches still retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today as the rose candle is lit on the Advent wreath.

## CHRISTMAS FOR THOSE IN NEED

At Saint Patrick’s we have a Poor Fund. This fund is used primarily for the running of the Soup Kitchen, but in December all funds coming from the Poor Box will go towards the Christmas baskets.

## ‘MANNA’ BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Are you looking to further a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Bible? Please join Fr Nathan in this Bible study group. The meetings will take place on the **first** and **third** Thursdays of the month in Congress Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The **next meeting will be on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## BOXED SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2026

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.

## SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missals for 2025-2026 have arrived and are available at the West Door. The cost is \$8 each.

## GUIDED TOURS OF THE BASILICA

There will be guided tours this **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No reservations required. There are no fees, but donations are always welcome!

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA – Montreal City Council

The ladies of your CWL Montreal City Council extend a very warm thank you to you the parishioners of St. Patrick's Basilica for your tremendous support during our Bake Sale & Bazaar. We had a wonderful time, and it was a great success! We wish to congratulate the following winners of our Raffle Prizes: Adrian Raymundo, Cliff Sobkowicz, Gerry McCormick, Donna Gallup, Monsignor Francis Coyle, Mary Esinyade and Adriane Amar. Thank you all and our best wishes to you for a blessed Advent leading to a Joyous Christmas celebration.



## UNDERGROUND PARKING AT HEC

Free underground parking in the new HEC building is available for those attending weekend masses (weddings & baptisms). The entrance to the garage is on de la Gauchetière Street. Once you are parked, take the elevator to Level One, then once you are at Level One, exit and go to the next elevators on the right; go to Level 2, exit & take the corridor on the left to exit the building. At the end of mass, see the personnel at the west door of the Basilica to receive the courtesy ticket – which you will need to re-enter HEC and to exit the garage.

**NO PARKING IN THE CLERGY PARKING LOT:** (EXCEPT FOR STAFF, SERVERS & LECTORS).



# Christmas 2025



## Christmas Eve

*(Basilica opens 7:00 p.m.)*

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 p.m.

Presider & Homilist:

Msgr. Francis Coyle

*No confessions will be heard*

## Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

*(Basilica closes at 12:30 p.m.)*

*No confessions will be heard*

## New Year's Eve

## Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Mass of Anticipation 5:00 p.m.

## New Year's Day

## Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

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

*(Basilica closes at 12:30 p.m.)*



## SUPPORT OUR PARISH WITH A SIMPLE SCAN

Scan this QR code to make a one-time or monthly donation through *Canada Helps*. Your tax receipt will be emailed to you instantly. (Available in the pews and on the bulletin boards at the doors.)

Thank you for your generosity!



~ The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Caterina Di Muro & Salvatore Zaccardo requested by A. Dos Santos. ~

## Mass intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b> Francesca Cordeiro <i>requested by</i> her family
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ First Sunday of Advent ~</b> Marion MacDonald <i>requested by</i> Phillip Lee ~ <i>Pro Populo</i> ~ Franky Certifico <i>requested by</i> Catrice Cantila
<b>Monday,</b> 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b> Fernanda Costa <i>requested by</i> niece Laura Yves Gagnon <i>requested by</i> Pierrette Leclerc
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b> John McGee <i>requested by</i> Ann Matthews In Thanksgiving for Pedro (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) <i>requested by</i> his son Pablo
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b> Souls in Purgatory <i>requested by</i> the Flynn Family Jorge Mario Bergoglio <i>requested by</i> Maureen Redrino
<b>Thursday</b> 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b> Emery Cormier <i>requested by</i> the Cormier Family Frank B. L. Cardinal <i>requested by</i> his wife Jeannie
<b>Friday</b> 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b> David & Justine Dos Santos <i>requested by</i> A. Dos Santos Lorraine Boyce <i>requested by</i> the Estate
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b> Munshi Ram Kapoor <i>requested by</i> Franklin Fernandes & Chander Kapoor

## **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. Arockianathan Lourdunathan H.G.N.,  
Associate Pastor  
Ciaran Pitchford, Deacon  
Dr. Gordon Williams, Deacon Emeritus

### Parish Office

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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.

### 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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