

# SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA MONTREAL - QUEBEC

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**A Welcoming and Reconciling Community**



## **LENT**

### **WHEN DO I FAST?**

Catholics, as a group, are required to fast on only two days of the year – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, fasting means something very specific and limited. It means that one eats only one full meal in a day, with no food in-between meals. It is understood that two other meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. One might fast in a more complete way, i.e., eating only a portion of a single meal.

Of course, anyone is free to fast at any time that it is helpful for their prayer and reflection. It is not recommended that anyone with impaired health should fast in any way. It is also important to note that everyone who fasts should drink enough fluids on a fast day.

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “ABSTAIN”?**

To abstain is to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Its purpose is to be an act of penance – an act of sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. Of course, it would not make sense to make the sacrifice of not eating meat, and then eat a wonderful meal I might enjoy even more. Many people eat a vegetarian diet, for a variety of reasons, and eating meat is not even an issue. It might be possible to abstain from a non-meal that I really like, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It should be noted that many people in this world cannot afford to eat meat or do not have access to it. Part of our abstaining from meat can place us in solidarity with so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

Abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years old and older. Fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

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**First Reading:** Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++ – *The creation and the sin of our first parents.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 5.12-19 – *Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 4.1-11 – *Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test*

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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: André Marcil, Alyssa Morelato, Lorenzo Modafferi, Bala Doss, Armando Chan, Rosaria Salpietro, José Manuel Salas and Martin Leclerc. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add the name of someone for whom you would like prayers, [info@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto:info@stpatricksmtl.ca).

## ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Because of the special schedule for the Green Mass on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the **Second Collection for Development and Peace will take place on the weekend of March 15<sup>th</sup>** at all the masses. For those of you who are using the parish envelopes, please correct the envelope in your boxed set.

## MARRIAGE BANNS

Mr. Mikhail Francis Mascarenhas, son of Mr. Denis Dominic Rosario Mascarenhas & Mrs. Rita Maria Angela (Rodrigues) *and*

Ms. Beverly Antonia Vaz, daughter of Mr. Brian Joseph Vaz & Mrs. Genevieve Gladys Vaz, will be married at St. John the Baptist Church, Jambli Naka, Thane West, Maharashtra, India on April 25, 2026.

## GUIDED TOURS

This Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, guided tours of the basilica will be offered from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in the history of the parish, or of its architecture this event is for you!

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All ladies aged 18 and above are warmly invited to our meeting on **Saturday, 28th February 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Congress Hall of **St. Patrick's Basilica**.

On this day, we will be having our **Lenten Reflection**, organized by our Faith Pillar. Our speaker will be **Rev. Fr. Arul Gayaraj**. Come and be blessed.

## 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.

# SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE ON MARCH 22<sup>nd</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 201<sup>st</sup> Montreal St-Patrick's Parade!!** The Parade will take place on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



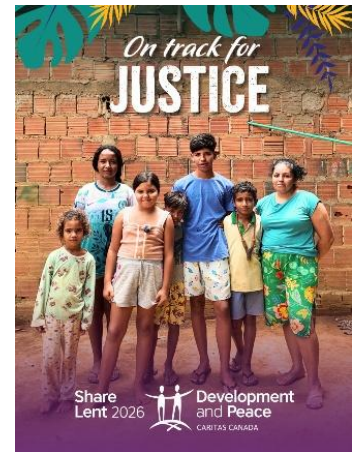
<https://unitedirishsocieties.ca/parade/>

## This Lent, let's move forward *On Track for Justice*

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking."  
— Pope Leo XIV (*Dilexi te*, §75)

**Development and Peace** — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, ***On Track for Justice***, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How?

1. **By donating** online at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. **Get the Mini-magazine** and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at [devp.org/lent/resources](https://devp.org/lent/resources).



## SUNDAY MISSALS

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

## SAINT PATRICK'S RESTORATION FOUNDATION

The Foundation was created in 1988, to finance special projects that are outside of the religious nature of the Basilica. 100% of donations made to the Foundation are used for its projects, all administration expenses are carried by the Fabrique.

Saint Patrick's Restoration Foundation enjoys a special tax status and large donations or pledges may qualify for considerable tax benefits as cultural donations or patronage.

Donation envelopes are available; please make sure that you state that the donation is for the St. Patrick's Restoration Foundation. For more information on our Foundation and of other ways of donating please contact the parish office at 514-866-7379; [info@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto:info@stpatricksmtl.ca)

## 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 Estelle Perks requested by the Tayco Family. ~

## Mass intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>February 21<sup>st</sup></b> Bill Shepperd <i>requested by</i> Bob & Denise McCormick
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Miss Frances McNelis <i>requested by</i> Alexander-Power Family ~ <i>Pro Populo</i> ~ Maria Cristina Estrada <i>requested by</i> her daughter Cristina and son-in-law Jesus.
<b>Monday,</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Deceased members of the Boyce and Grace families <i>requested by</i> the Estate P. Brendan Campbell <i>requested by</i> his wife Mary
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b> Kathleen Cavanagh <i>requested by</i> her husband & family Beatrice & Benjamin Bermundo <i>requested by</i> Nancy
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b> Sandiren Ramasay <i>requested by</i> Lovena & Eveena Musette Jean Paul Petit <i>requested by</i> Pierrette Leclerc
<b>Thursday</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b> Deceased members of the Leclerc, Déry & Galarneau Families <i>requested by</i> Pierrette Leclerc In Thanksgiving for Blessings received <i>requested by</i> Faustino Family
<b>Friday</b> 12:10 p.m.  <i>and</i>	<b>February 27<sup>th</sup></b> Mrs. Margaret Kowalewski <i>requested by</i> the Alexander-Power Family Dorothy Theresa Nolet <i>requested by</i> Daniel Wood
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b> Christine Musette <i>requested by</i> Lovena & Eveena Musette

## **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.,  
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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. We invite you to join us and learn more about our efforts in Faith, Service, and Social Justice. You can contact [esinyademaume@gmail.com](mailto:esinyademaume@gmail.com) for more information.

### **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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