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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sundays 9:30AM at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, as a Christian Community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strive to live our Baptismal Promises by using our time, talent and treasure to reach out to others **as Jesus did**.



MARCH 9, 1568 – JUNE 21, 1591

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Mass Intentions are for
PATRICIA CHANCEY

Requested by
Saint Aloysius Parish

With special prayers of peace and healing for

Piers Corsi
Jeannie Wayland
Sandra Lasnier

Bobby Squires
Roger Laporte
Nancy Soulsby

Claris Mascarenhas
Pierre Guimond
Martin Simard

John Henry
Victor Lourenco

Mathilda Dias
Léo Côté

May I be at peace. May my heart remain open.
May I be aware of my true nature. May I be healed.
May I be a source of healing to others.
May I dwell in the breath of God.

- Saint Teresa of Avila

Opening Hymn: 641 – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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Offertory Hymn: 712 – Help Us To Help Each Other, Lord

Recessional Hymn: 674 – Now Thank We All Our God

Birthday greetings for this week:

(18) Marco Bellisario Giglio
(19) Justin Letang

Celebrating an anniversary:

(13) Neil & Christina Cunningham
(19) Rosa Leone & Vito Dachille

Mass Intentions for next Sunday
Joyce Montanaro

Requested by
Emma & Davide Lisi

WHAT MADE CHRISTIANITY POPULAR?

Reading the texts about the first Christians you can get the impression that this religion got very popular very quickly; not among the Jews of course; but definitely among the pagans. Of course there were persecutions at times. But they were not happening all the time nor everywhere. Yet, when persecutions did happen, they seemed to have had the opposite result that the authorities had hoped for. In fact, Constantine very simply decided that it was not worth his time to fight a religion that was well established and successful.



Now I know all the drama about how the Church was built through the blood of martyrs. My problem about this is that blood sports were very popular at the time and the killing of people who did not put out a fight was not a good spectacle. People are not usually impressed by lopsided games; they want to see a «good» fight. The result basically was giving exposure to this religion, making it a «commercial» of sort.

There were tons of religions available in the Roman Empire and they were basically all tolerated. In fact, more and more gods were created. Claudius, for instance, was made a god. Nobody objected; the more, the merrier.

So, what was there that made Christianity so popular? Of course, the answer is God. God made it popular. We can all agree with that. But how did God make it popular? This is a rather important question, especially in the present time, when the Church seems to be in decline.

Perhaps Saint Paul can help us here. He preached Christianity to pagans in lots of places and saw their communities grow from a few to dozens, if not hundreds. It seems that such communities (churches) were springing up in every town, not only in the Roman Empire, but in Armenia, Ethiopia, India, and Persia as well. Of course, the preachers had to translate the texts in these countries but that was not a huge problem.

In many countries, either at that time or later, you could have mass conversions. Not only would a family and all their servants or slaves convert together, but sometimes this could happen for complete tribes. Of course, the people would just follow their leader; but still, the religion had to be accessible to all for it to last.

My question is: why? My reasoning is that basically, Christianity is a religion with an extraordinary promise: eternal life, eternal bliss, eternal love. A religion where the adherent has rather little to do except to let God, as a Father, give the person all he or she needs to live a good life. Where God the Son gives Himself to His adherents as bread and wine to give them all they need to bring about that wonderful gift of Life Eternal. No other religion offers such a result: death was final; only some Jews talked about life after death, and the subject was highly questioned.

The Christians who were to be martyred were content. The ordeal of a life without painkillers was soon to be over. Just a little while of pain before Eternal Bliss!

HAPPY NEWS!!!



On Thursday September 10th at 2:55pm Angie and Leo welcomed their second son, Nilan Mikhael, weighing 7lbs 1 ounce into this world. Proud older brother is Dheeran Raphael. Angie and baby Nilan Mikhael are healthy and doing well

Our most sincere congratulations to the family.

RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS: LOCAL FOOD BANK

If you or someone you know who resides in the following areas:

Montreal-East, Tétraultville, Anjou, Pointe-aux-Trembles or Rivières-des-Prairies, are in need of a food bank, **Cuisine Collective à Toute Vapeur** can provide some assistance.

Food bank distribution is open Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., corner Sherbrooke East/Henri-Bourassa East. Delivery and/or group meal prep may be available. For more information, call 514-640-6024.



H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Emma Lisi Joanne Trottier
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CAP ST. BARNABE BREAKFAST

HOPE will be providing the breakfast ingredients for about 70 people at Cap. St Barnabe. Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausages, toast and more will be served. Last year, the children that were preparing for Confirmation helped bake banana bread and muffins. As we have no children this year, if any of you would like to donate some sweets for HOPE to deliver, please let a member of HOPE know. The staff and recipients are very grateful.

The exact delivery date will be provided soon.

♥ **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** ♥

AUTUMN PRAYER

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen

LE P'TIT PÈRE: APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF SHOES/BOOTS

Fr. Jean-Pierre Couturier devotes much of his time repairing and donating shoes and boots to the homeless. If you have men's shoes and/or boots that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate it if you would donate them to this cause. You can bring them directly to the church or drop them off at the office. Thank you in advance for your help!

WITH GRATITUDE

Heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners who have donated treats, juices, cups, coffee, the coffee machine and funds for our 'After Mass Coffee'n'Treats'. It is much appreciated!

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

September 2026: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

FR. DONBOSCO - 438-937-3767

Fr. Donbosco is available for:

- blessing homes
- blessing graves
- visiting the ill
- bringing communion
- baptisms & weddings
- confessions (15 mins. before & after mass)

Father has no car but can easily manage close-by visits. For further away visits, a lift would be appreciated.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026 – Thank you for your generosity!

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A site by a 'so-so' singer,
and a fellow parishioner. 😊
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Saints of the Week

13th: Saint Amatus
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14th: Saint Caerealis & Sallustia
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15th: Saint Valerian
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16th: Saint Abundius
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17th: Saint Agathoclia
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18th: Saint Basilides
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19th: Saint Arnulf
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THE FIRST CHRISTIANS AND THE EARLY CHURCH

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