

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Please Pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Liberato & Domenica Ranello Di Iorio
Silveria & Carmine Marcogliese
Angelina Saluno Macera
Anna Maria Pietracupa
Prete & Faraggi Family
Filomena Gaglia & Gino Dire
Francesco Toter
Ida Settino Toter
Angelica & Giovanni Palazzo

Requested by:

Family
Daughter & Family
Family
Tony Macera & Family
Colombo Family
Faraggi Family
Family
Kozina Family
Toter Family
Olga Palazzo

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family's Remembrance Day celebration will take place on November 12th. Please join us for this touching ceremony honouring all the men and women in service - past, present and future.

Volunteers needed for Childcare Centre

18 volunteers are needed who can help twice throughout the year. In that way no one misses Mass too often, and everyone can receive the spiritual nourishment that Father Baxter provides in his wonderful liturgies. If you can help, please speak to Maria Kelly at the back of the church or you can contact her at 514-725-6023.

The Sacred Heart Christmas Fair - Saturday, Dec. 9th

Get An Early Start to Your Christmas Shopping:

We have an exciting line up of exhibitors, artisans & artists, as well as hand-made Christmas cards, and the ever popular Sacred Heart Café! Tickets for raffle prizes will be sold on site. Saturday, December 9 from 10 am to 5:00 pm. Free parking. 3635 Atwater Avenue, Montreal. Info: www.sacredheart.qc.ca or call 514-937-2845

LOST & FOUND: An aluminum cane and a pair of reading glasses were left in the vestibule of the Church office.

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am to 4 pm (Please call before coming)
- If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to jpiazza@live.ca
- For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

Holy Family Board of Directors:

Frank Alfieri	514-602-5019	Tom McCutcheon	514-331-8646
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Last Sunday's Collection was \$1180. Thank you!

St. Peter stood at the Pearly Gates, waiting for the incoming. He saw Jesus walking by and caught his attention. "Jesus, could you mind the gate while I go do an errand?" "Sure," replied Jesus. "What do I have to do?" "Just find out about the people who arrive. Ask about their background, their family, and their lives. Then decide if they deserve entry into Heaven." "Sounds easy enough. OK." So Jesus waited at the gates while St. Peter went off on his errand. The first person to approach the gates was a wrinkled old man. Jesus summoned him to the examination table and sat across from him. Jesus peered at the old man and asked, "What was it you did for a living?" The old man replied, "I was a carpenter." Jesus remembered his own earthly existence and leaned forward. "Did you have any family?" he asked. "Yes, I had a son, but I lost him." Jesus leaned forward some more. "You lost your son? Can you tell me about him?" "Well, he had holes in his hands and feet." Jesus leaned forward even more and whispered, "Father?" The old man leaned forward and whispered, "Pinocchio?"

Not Teacher, Father, or Rabbi...



Wherever we live, whatever our occupation, people have titles. Associations have a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer... all with assigned roles and duties. A city has a mayor, district representatives, as well as officers of an executive committee. A country has a prime minister, cabinet ministers, deputies, etc. Stores have general managers and department heads. While these titles designate their responsibilities, they also indicate a hierarchy. If you are a valet, you are not a director. When I was a child, I would never address my parents and grandparents by their first name. It was always Dad, Mom, Grandpa, and Grandma. It was a matter of respect.

But there is a risk associated with these titles when the accompanying prestigious “*privileges*” become “*rights*” and we take advantage of them. This promotes inequality. Jesus understood this trap when he encountered the Scribes and Pharisees and issued this unflattering portrayal: *They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces* (Mt 23: 6-7).

Jesus wanted neither prestigious titles nor privileges. He wished to serve others and promote fraternity. *And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father – the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant* (Mt 23: 9-11). Yet in our Church, priests are called Abbot or Father; bishops have the title of Monsignor and Your Excellence. Other titles exist: Canon, Prelate, and Reverend. Cardinals are called Your Eminence. The Bishop of Rome is called Pope (Father) and His Holiness.

In fact, could we live without titles that distinguish our functions? Titles are often indispensable. But Jesus’ disciples must constantly be alert and not allow titles to become *privileges* that would hinder fraternity. Our primary and unique objective is to serve others.

André Beauchamp

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli