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For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

The Childcare Centre will continue to be open with toys and playthings. However, parents will have to go down with their child or children, and care for them themselves. This playroom will be available for any parent whose child cannot sit through the liturgy.

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February 9, 2020

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Much more than Taste

Salt provides something “extra” to our food and enhances its taste. It is a much appreciated condiment that adds a great deal to our dishes. However, it was not concerning taste that it was significant when Jesus said to his disciples: *You are the salt of the earth*. Christ also said: *You are the light of the world*. He invited his disciples to be the landmarks in the night. Their mission was to improve the *earth* and its inhabitants’ lives. The story continues.



Referring to Jesus’ salt citation, its use was essential and far beyond just seasoning. The tangy taste that it added to food also had an important secondary effect. Salt was a product used to preserve food, particularly meat and fish. Salt prevented food from spoiling and rotting.

This was the function that Jesus wanted his disciples to understand. Their vocation was to bring more than a spiritual supplement to the world.

The disciples were destined to collaborate in preventing the world from self-destruction and from distancing itself from our Creator? Let’s examine the earth from the aspect of our common home. It is currently in crisis and experiencing danger. Yet far too often, ecological discussions is only taken seriously by children, poets and politicians heading into elections.

To the climate-change deniers, we can add those who say this not a Christian’s place. While it may be true there are other battles to fight, it is also evident that life, as we know it, is being affected. We can see that life in all its forms is often menaced by injustice, hunger, war and all aspects that affect the survival of our planet. We remember that Christ referred to his disciples as the *salt* of the earth as well as the *light* that would help people to see things clearly.

We remember the reference in Psalm 112: *Light rises in the darkness for the upright*. But as during the night, this disciple is *light*, he or she is also *salt* which prevents spoiling and decomposition. Referring to salt means much more than enhancing flavor and taste. The world and our earth hope and wait for the *upright* to take the lead.

Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Elvira Colombo
Carole Michalone
Dannu Phelan
Angela Pittaro Pompura
Anton Thiruchelvam
Raffaele Piperni
Giuseppe Porato
Gloria Cypihot
Souls in Purgatory

Requested by:

Family
Iorio-Pietracupa Family
Clair & Tom
Family
Clair & Tom
Thiruchelvam Family
Helen Marcogliese
Family
Friend of Holy Family
Lena Nguyen

Special Intentions:

Praying Father to be stronger Micae Tln'en Nguyen – Lena Nguyen
Pray for my parents

Community Announcements

Attention Photographers and Videographers! We are looking for photos and videos of the church, events, and the people of Holy Family. If you'd like to share yours, e-mail them to photos@HolyFamilyMontreal.com and we may have a chance to use them soon!

Please note that you can pick up your tax receipts for Caritas and Holy Family and your collection envelopes at the back of the Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Save the date to celebrate Father Baxter's 61st Anniversary of Ordination and 86th birthday on Sunday, June 7th, 2020. More information to follow.

Last Sunday's collection was \$2185. Thank you!

My wife gave me an ultimatum. It was either her or my addiction to sweets.
The decision was a piece of cake.

I always carry a picture of my wife and kids in my wallet.
I do it to remind myself why there is no money in there.

St. Valentine

Quick Facts

Feastday: February 14
Patron: of Love, Young People, Happy Marriages
Death: 269

Although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize St. Valentine as a saint of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave. Other narratives identify him as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person.

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.

Valentine's Day as a lovers' festival dates at least from the 14th century.