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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.

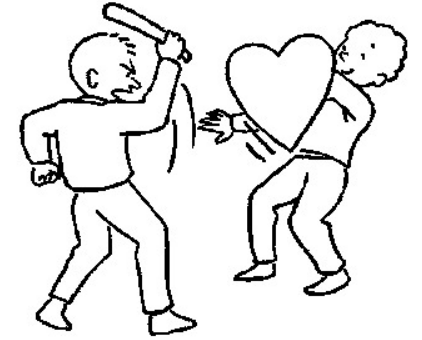
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February 16, 2020

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

The Law and its Application

We understand that the Law is our guide to help us choose what is right and good and avoid evil. Our conscience may intuitively know the difference between good and evil, but our reactions could also be fuzzy and vague. This is why the Law is useful to provide us with more precise guidelines: *You shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not lie; you shall not commit adultery.* These are not only guidelines given today, but are outlined in our great biblical tradition, the *Ten Commandments* (the Decalogue). Tradition records that Moses came down from the mountain with two tablets: the first established our relationship with God and the second, our relations with our neighbours. Today we could possibly add a third tablet that would designate our duties within our ecological milieu: *You shall not pollute; you shall not waste, you shall not eliminate animal or vegetable species; you shall not use violence against animals, etc.*



While the Law is both useful and indispensable, does it cover all situations? *You shall not kill.* Agreed. Yet what should we do when dealing with an aggressor? *You shall not lie.* But what should you do when faced with an unjust interrogation that is both indiscreet and vulgar? The law allows for interpretation and adjustments. The commandment says: *Honor thy father and thy mother.* This means that we should respect and take care of them in their old age. Yet if you live far away and unable to assume this duty which ends up completely falling on your siblings' shoulders, is it still applicable?

In the famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus evokes the law of Moses and invites us to go beyond what the Law describes. Not only should we not kill anyone, we should always control our anger. We should look beyond our conflicts with others and try to comprehend them who may be suffering discomfort and fears. We are invited to be perfect as God, our Father, is perfect. It is not sufficient to be content with doing the minimum. We must go beyond the Law to love. This is the challenge of our human existence; this challenge we face every day.

Father André Beauchamp
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Angela Pittaro Pompura
Giovanni Pietracupa
Dino Basso
Franced Bailey

Requested by:

Family
Family
John Peter Pietracupa
Helena & Family
Family

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 \$1150. Thank you!



The Chair of St. Peter

Quick Facts

Feastday: February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter (Latin: Cathedra Petri), also known as the Throne of Saint Peter, is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the sovereign enclave of the Pope inside Rome, Italy. The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims the Apostle Saint Peter, the leader of the Early Christians in Rome and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome. The relic is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and executed between 1647 and 1653. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

The wooden throne was a gift from Holy Roman Emperor Charles the Bald to Pope John VIII in 875. It has been studied many times over the years, the last being from 1968 to 1974, when it was last removed from the Bernini altar. That study concluded that it was not a double, but rather a single, chair with a covering and that no part of the chair dated earlier than the sixth century.



CHAIR OF ST. PETER (Vatican Basilica)