MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22nd, 2026

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2026
4 :30 P.M. Richard Loj Wife & children

SUNDAY NOV. 22ND, 2026-CHRIST THE KING
9 :00 A.M. All Parishioners
11 :00 A.M. Gerard De Luca Nora & Fr. Jack

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd , 2026

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2026 –ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC
7:00 P.M. Anthasi Thaveethu The Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2026
9:15 A.M. Martha Markowsky Olga Pyszniak

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2026
9:00 A.M. All Parishioners

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2026
9:00 A.M. Dec'd members of the Ferrie/Daley Family The Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2026
4 :30 P.M. Margaret & Joseph Mac Devitt Barbara

SUNDAY NOV. 29th, 2026-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9 :00 A.M. Joseph Fiocco Patricia Clinton
11 :00 A.M. Dec'd members of the Aguilar/Barton Family 11AM Choir

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Advent Retreat *:* St. Veronica's will be hosting an Advent Retreat. The retreat will take place from 9 AM to Noon on Saturday, December 5th. Fr. Paul Geraghty will introduce the theme of the retreat when he preaches at the weekend Masses on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 28-29.

Prayer – ancient wisdom in a new world

In a rapidly changing and chaotic world and an infinite universe, Fr. Paul will explore the question of how the insights and wisdom of the Christian contemplative and mystical tradition can help to ground us in the depth of our ultimate identity in God.

Father Paul Geraghty came to Montreal in 1980 to join Fr. John Main in founding a monastic community focussed on Christian meditation. After nine years in the monastery, he served for 26 years as a chaplain at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Having recently retired from also pastoring the parish of Saint Anthony of Padua, he is now focused on sharing the Christian contemplative tradition in our contemporary world.

November 22, 2026 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ the King: The Shepherd Who Reigns in Love

What kind of king is Jesus? Today's readings offer a surprising answer. Rather than ruling through power, prestige or force, Christ reigns as a **shepherd:** one who seeks the lost, strengthens the weak, and cares for the vulnerable. His authority is revealed not in how many people bow down before him, but in how faithfully he serves them.

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises to search for the scattered sheep, bring back those who have strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. Psalm 23 echoes this tender image: ***"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*** We trust in a God who accompanies us: through green pastures and dark valleys, with guidance, nourishment and hope.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus takes this image one step further. When the Son of Man comes in glory, the nations will be judged according to how they have treated those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick or imprisoned. The King identifies himself with the most vulnerable: ***"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."***

Our celebration of Christ the King is not simply about proclaiming Jesus' sovereignty over the universe. It is about allowing his way of love to shape our lives. We encounter Christ when we welcome newcomers, accompany the lonely, visit the sick, advocate for the prisoner, feed the hungry, stand beside those who are excluded, and work for peace and reconciliation. The measure of our faith is found in the love we make visible.

This message resonates with Pope Leo XIV's encouragement to young people as they look toward World Youth Day in Seoul in 2027. Its theme, drawn from Jesus' words in John's Gospel, is: **"Take courage; I have conquered the world!"** The Pope reminds young people that Christ's victory gives us the courage to follow him, become witnesses of his love, and work for forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. His hope does not depend on the ideal circumstances, but on the conviction that Christ our King has already conquered.

As we bring the liturgical year to a close, we can ask ourselves: If Christ is our King and Shepherd, whose needs are we being called to notice? Where can we bring his compassion and hope? May we have the courage to follow Jesus the Shepherd-King, trusting that his victory over sin and death gives us the freedom to love generously. May we one day hear his invitation: ***"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."***

GOSPEL REFLECTION for Christ the King

There are two very contrasting images of Christ presented to us in today's readings. In the Second Reading from the First letter to the Corinthians, Paul presents a powerful and awesome picture of Christ the King. The other two readings, however, give a very different picture of God and Jesus, who is his visible incarnation. The First Reading, presents God as a shepherd. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. He will also compare God's concern for the sinner with a shepherd who leaves behind ninety-nine good sheep to go in search of even one which has gone astray and got lost.

But there are others who will not be so well treated :…*the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.* God is biased. He is biased against those who exploit the weaker and poorer members in their society. Justice for God is not just based on moral rectitude. It is rather based on an equitable sharing and access to the resources available and necessary for a life of dignity and self-respect.

Video Divina We're pleased to announce the second film in our 2026–27 series: *Bella*, on **Friday, December 4th at St. Luke's Parish**. An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multi-million-dollar contract when a series of events unfold that bring his career to an abrupt end. A beautiful waitress, struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until a simple gesture of kindness brings them both together, turning an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience. A gentle and moving story about compassion, friendship, and second chances. The registration link is: https://stl.breezechms.com/form/bella2026

THE ELECTION OF THE WARDENS… On Sunday December 6th at 10AM AFTER THE 9 am MASS., a meeting of parishioners will be held for the purpose of electing two Church Wardens for a three year period, beginning January 2027. To be eligible to be nominated as a Church Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic and living in Dorval. Please submit nominations, duly proposed and seconded, to the Parish Office. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

Please encourage parishioners to visit our Parish Website www.saintveronicasdorval.ca .
The **NOVEMBER** edition of our newsletter, St. Veronica's Voice, is now available on the St. Veronica's Parish website, so be sure to check it out and stay connected with all that's happening in our church family!
You may also access the Parish website by scanning the QR code, on the left, with the camera on your smart phone or iPad