MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29th, 2026

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2026-SAINT ANDREW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2026
7:00 P.M. Thaveethu Jeyaseelan The Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2026
9:15 A.M. Dec'd members of the Grace Family Ann

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2026-ST.FRANCIS XAVIER
9:00 A.M. All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2026
9:00 A.M. All Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2026
4 :30 P.M. Blaise Russaouën Judith

SUNDAY DEC. 6TH, 2026-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9 :00 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Calixto Nacino Josie
11 :00 A.M. Memorial Society

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 ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

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.

1st Sunday of Advent (B) November 29, 2026

"Keep awake!": ADVENT *VIGILANCE!*

As we live our busy lives, sometimes we just need to slow down. To focus. To remember what is truly important. The season of Advent, a time for joyful anticipation, typically gets overshadowed by the busyness of "getting ready for Christmas". But Advent invites us to hear and ponder the message spoken by God more often than any other in the Scriptures: ***"Do not be afraid!"***

In our frantic, multi-tasking world, we get caught up by our fears, anxieties, and frustrations. So much so, that instead of living calmly and purposefully, we get scattered and lose our center: that inner core of peace and joy which is God's desire for us. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that amid chaos and occupations of all kinds, we must neither panic nor fall asleep, but keep awake! Stay on your toes! Be watchful and ready! Or in that great expression from the 1960's Civil Rights' Movement, **"Keep your eyes on the prize!"**

In this first week of Advent, maybe this could be our focus: Pay attention! Stay awake! Be vigilant! We so easily sleepwalk through our days and months and years, missing what is truly important. So before focusing on shopping and parties and Christmas plans, we can ask for the grace to first live this Advent season as a time of joyful and purposeful anticipation.

In what way is Jesus calling you to "keep awake"? To what realities will God open your eyes this week? Ask God to help you pay attention to what really matters.

LOCAL ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Veronica's: Tuesday December 15th, 2026 following 7PM Mass

St. Edmunds: Friday December 5th, 2026 10am-noon

St. John Fisher : Friday December 18th, 2026 7PM-8PM



THE ELECTION OF TWO 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.

The St. Veronica's Seniors Club luncheon will be held at the Sarto Desnoyers Community Center on Friday December 11/26. Please make your reservations with Henny at 514 631 4003 before 12:00 PM, Monday, December 7/26. The menu is Score's Christmas turkey dinner. The cost of the meal is $25.00 The PHP is either canned vegetables or cereal. We do not have a speaker at this event. It will be a time to catch up with one another and to enjoy the ambiance of the Christmas season. Please remember your utensils.

Our parish Truth & Reconciliation Group is collecting items to support people experiencing homelessness in our community. Donations of **new underwear (in original packaging), new warm wool socks, and new or gently used winter jackets** for men and women, may be placed in collection boxes at all church entrances on December 12-13. Thank you for helping keep our neighbours warm this winter.

Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking for a special way to share in preparing for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ? The St. Veronica choirs are hosting an advent and Christmas themed sing-along on Saturday, December 12th, 7pm - 9pm at St. Veronica's. This is a family friendly event; song lyrics will be projected on a screen. Come and experience the deep joy of singing together. Questions? Contact Margaret Halpin, 514-694-5342.



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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