

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday – February 17, 2019
 Jeremiah 17: 5 – 8
 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16 – 20
 Luke 6: 17, 20 – 26

Sunday – February 24, 2019
 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7 – 9, 12 – 13, 22 - 25
 1 Corinthians 15: 45 – 49
 Luke 6: 27 – 38



Happiness here and now!

Trials and tribulations! This Sunday we read about happiness and distress in the biblical texts. The passages begin well, with words of happiness scattered here and there in the first reading and the Gospel. But very quickly, the themes focus on dire scenarios and Christ's words strike a raw nerve. Yet they also comfort us as we face life's difficulties.

Though these situations record desperate times, they offer more than just descriptions of such situations.

Jesus speaks of poverty and persecution. If we did not trust Jesus, we would have already tuned out. But as we believe in him, we dare to stay and follow where he wants to lead us despite these difficult words. Jesus does not want us to be consumed by a defeatist mentality, either from an economic or personal point of view. What puts us on a constructive path is his categorical affirmation: *Yours is the kingdom of God*. It is also a positive and future assurance in contrast to what we may be currently experiencing: *Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh*. Whatever situation we are facing, our future is always positive, just as Christ promised.

Jesus acknowledged that his disciples would experience hatred, repulsion, insults and rejection when they proclaimed him. The words of the Son of Man should have attracted respect, for he is the Judge on the final day. We notice that Jesus' words, along with those of his disciples', are rejected. What is interesting is that Jesus warned his disciples not to self promote, without reference to Him, since this was how their ancestors were led astray and ended up believing false prophets. *Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets*. According to Jesus, happiness is possible only when the disciples agree to be one in life and death with him. Like the prophets, today's disciples speak for God. By putting their trust in the Lord, their legacy can be compared to a rooted tree that will survive in the midst of drought because it can find water: *This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit*. During a time of drought, the tree will still bear fruit. Our lives may appear to experience seasons of drought in reference to our faith. When the winds of doubt assail us, we find refuge in God's promise to be with us always.

Jesus declared that those who wish to be happy are open to hearing his words. The Gospel does not ask us to disrupt our lives. Poverty is never an end in itself and as Christ said, the means to eliminate it are within our power. Now! St. Luke has punctuated his text four times with this word and not because he lacked vocabulary. It is imperative that we open our eyes to God's gifts that are active in our lives **here and now**.

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli



Remember in your prayers our hospitalized and ill



Aine, Stella, Merle, Bronwyn, John, Mary, Andrea, Bryan, Leslie, Doris, Frank, Monique

MASS SCHEDULE

February 16 - 24, 2019

Saturday, 16 February

4:30 pm Sonfronio de la Cruz Erlinda & Stephen

Sunday, 17 February – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

10:00 am Dennis Pereira The Family

Wednesday, 20 February

9:00 am Victor Kipper The Family

Saturday, 23 February

4:30 pm Joe Watters Mary Lou Watters

Sunday, 24 February – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

10:00 am Annacortia Villaverde Husband & Family

Collection:

February 9 & 10, 2019 \$ 2,437.15

We thank you for your generous donations.



(To help us with the collection please note the amount enclosed on your envelope)

Envelopes have been placed in the pews and on the tables at the entrances for the Restoration Project Special collection that will take place this weekend.

Donations can be made online to the Parish at <https://www.canadahelps.org> this site can also be accessed from our website:

www.resurrectionparishlachine.com

COFFEE CAFÉ

Volunteers are serving refreshments each weekend following Sunday morning Mass. Why not join them in the area of the chapel corridor. It will give you a nice chance to catch up with fellow parishioners.

(Freewill offerings donated to Restoration Project)



PARISH EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 16TH & 17TH
 FEBRUARY 27TH
 MARCH 3RD**

**RESTORATION PROJECT COLLECTION
 WARDEN'S MEETING – 7:00 PM
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Pancake Breakfast – following our 10:00 am Mass on Sun., **March 3rd**. Tickets available to purchase until Feb 24th following weekend Mass or you may contact the office to reserve. Prices remain the same as in past years (\$5.00 for ages 5 and up). We are also looking for those who would like to donate muffins for the buffet table or volunteer to help with this event. Please note your interest on the sign-up sheets which have been placed on the tables at the entrances.

PARISH RETREAT – **March 6th, 7th & 8th** at 7:00 pm there will be an **English Retreat** lead by Fr. Taddeo. (*Note: Friday March 8th at 6:30 pm "Stations of the Cross"*)

AROUND TOWN

MUSEE DE L'ORATOIRE SAINT-JOSEPH DU MONT-ROYAL – 01.12.18 / 19.03.19 Exhibitions by: Elisabeth Eudes-Pascal "*In Search of the Lost Me and Meaning* and Irma Cote "*Quilts*" "**GOSEEDO**" *Eric Lasota*, a member of St. Veronica's Parish, will once again travel with the organization "GoSeeDo" to the Dominican Republic. Every year they do a collection of articles to bring with them. In the hope of starting an eye glass clinic this year he will be collecting **prescription glasses, reading glasses and also sun glasses** to bring down. Should you have any old glasses you wish to contribute please drop your donations in the basket on the table at the main entrance **any time between now and February 18th**.

ST. MONICA PARISH AND THE OFFICE FOR ENGLISH PASTORAL SERVICES: *Presented by Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, E.V. and members of the OEPS team* **Film Presentation: Pope Francis: A Man of His Word (2018)** **Friday, March 22, 7 p.m.** St. Monica's Parish Hall **Mission Evenings: Monday, March 25 to Wednesday, March 27 7 to 9 p.m.** St. Monica's Church - 6405 de Terrebonne, Montreal, H4B 1A8 www.stmonica.ca (514) 481-0267

THE SEARCH - National Evangelization Team (NET) Ministries of Canada is a national youth ministry organization that "challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church", helping them to come to know God's unending love for them. They will be leading a retreat for high school aged youth on **Saturday, February 23** from 1 p.m.-9 p.m. at St. Thomas à Becket Parish (4320 Ste-Anne St., Pierrefonds, H9H 4Y7). All are welcome to join us. The cost is \$20 per participant, which includes snacks and lunch.

In 20 years you will be more disappointed by things you did not do than by those you have chosen.

So leave the beaten path

Set Sail

Explore Dream Discover.

Mark Twain