

**Solemnity of
the Birth of St.
John,
the Baptist
JUNE 24,
2012**

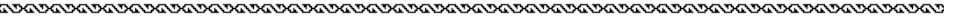
*The birth of John the Baptist was a turning point in the history of salvation. With him, centuries of expectation and longing came to an end, and the time of fulfillment – the coming of the Messiah – began to dawn. The circumstances surrounding the conception and the birth of John showed that he belonged to the category of great prophets like Samuel and Jeremiah
John's mission was to point out the Messiah to the crowds as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," while declaring himself unworthy even to unfasten the strap of the Messiah's sandals. This makes John a real giant of loyalty and humility, two virtues for which he will be remembered with admiration in all centuries and which we should do our best to practise.*



AN EXTRA NOTE: John the Baptizer was the herald that made Jesus known when he came. He said he was to decrease and Christ was to increase.

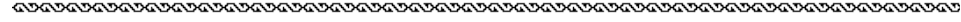
Did you know that the days get longer by one minute of sun light each day after Jesus' birthday on Christmas and the days get shorter by one minute a day after John's birthday.

Perhaps that is why the old timers use to say on July 4th:
"the summer is over."



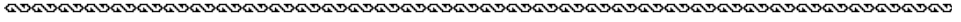
St John the Baptist is also the patron saint of French Canadians and of the province of Québec. Québec's *Fête Nationale* (National Holiday) on St-Jean-Baptiste's Day sees the largest parade of the year in Montreal. St Jean Baptiste is honoured with festivals, bonfires, costuming and parties. Up until the late 1960s, all work stopped for a few days prior, as each parish prepared a procession with a child dressed as a young St Jean, usually holding a lamb. The traditional meal at the St Jean is a type of chicken pot pie, and caramel eaten in front of the bonfires. The religious elements have nowadays diminished in importance. At the end of the 70s, the Fête took a political twist. Leaders of separatist parties join the festivities and the issue of Québec independence becomes central. More recently, after the 1995 referendum, the event adapts itself once more to the new realities of Québec. Members of Québec's many ethnic groups join the celebrations and the Saint-Jean parade is now a wonderful mix of Caribbean music, of Scottish bagpipes and of traditional Québécois melodies. Just like so many times in the past, this millennia-old celebration has evolved just like the people who's unique identity it celebrates.

Bonne Fête QUÉBEC! Bonne Fête Québécois et Québécoises!



FINAL CALL:::: Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Notre-Dame du Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec and The Shrine of Blessed Frederic Jansoone at The Church Of Saint- Antoine in Trois Rivieres on SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012. 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

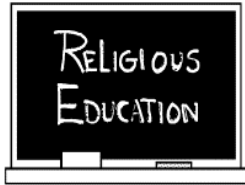
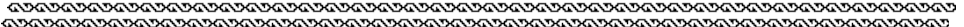
**COST: \$ 30.00 / person (includes COACH TRANSPORTATION and TOUR FEES)
FEW SEATS LEFT ! Contact Linda Ballares (514 737 1424) linda.caldito@yahoo.ca
or Mercia Suarez (514 351 8771) TODAY !**





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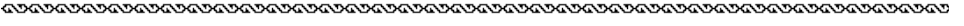
. Cards are available in amounts from \$25.00 to \$100.00. **5% of your purchase goes to support our parish!** Please see Ms. Marites Quirapas.



DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD !

Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by pre-registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry. Formal Registration will be on all the Sundays of August. For more information please see any of our Catechists or visit the FCMM Office.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!! This important Lay Ministry is in need of more people who can assist our children in their journey as young Catholics. Those interested may see Mrs. Linda Ballares, Sr. Celia, or Fr. Frank.



Behavior in Church (Part II)

FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

When entering the church, be sure to make the sign of the cross with the holy water; this gesture reminds us of our baptism and does dispel evil. Before entering the pew, be sure to genuflect, an important act of reverence to the presence of our Lord in the holy Eucharist in the tabernacle. Also, please turn off the cell phones and the beepers; everyone not only can give some undivided attention to God, but also spare everyone else the distraction of a phone ringing or a beeper sounding during Mass.

In worshiping, participate in the songs and prayers, follow the readings and listen attentively to the homily. I am always surprised at those "pillars of salt" who never open their mouths to sing or pray, or the pew potatoes who read the bulletin during the homily. Parents should help their children. In all, everyone should joyfully and reverently participate in the Mass.

Parents need to supervise their children. Jesus loves and welcomes children, but they do need our help. If a child is fussy, then the parent should quickly take the child to the vestibule or outside and let the child calm down before returning. Children should not be allowed to rattle keys, drop toys, kick the pews or run in the aisles. These behaviors are distracting to the other people and especially to a priest who is trying to give a homily. Parents simply need to be parents, using good judgment and discipline with the little ones.

When receiving holy Communion, always do so reverently. We should be very conscious that we are receiving our Lord. If receiving on the hand, the hands must be clean and held like a throne for the Lord. After receiving, one should consume the Sacred Host before turning around to go back to the pew. Holy Communion must not be reminiscent of a cafeteria line experience, but rather of an encounter with the Lord.

After Communion, each person must give thanks for the precious gift received and allow the grace to fill our souls. How tragic it is to see people leave Mass right after Communion, not because of an emergency, but because they want to get out of the parking lot first. I can only think of Judas, who was the first person ever to leave Mass early. To give the Lord one hour — and usually less — for the holy sacrifice of the Mass is really not much of a sacrifice. I wonder how these same people would feel if someone left their own home in the middle of the meal without even saying thank you.

Finally, after the Mass is concluded with the blessing, wait until the priest has proceeded down the aisle or exited to the Sacristy before leaving the pew. The congregation should disperse only after the recessional hymn has concluded. However, before leaving the pew, be sure to put the hymnal back in its holder and pick up used tissues, bulletins, or other items; otherwise, someone else has to attend to them. (Once my mom, who used to help clean our Church, found a used diaper left in the pew.)

While I am sure that this list is not exhaustive, I have witnessed all of these actions as a priest. I also do not want to seem cynical or condescending, but only teach proper respect for the Mass I love to offer. Yes, we live in a very casual world

where many people have forgotten proper manners and discipline. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that courtesy "is the homage of the heart to the sacredness of human worth" (Thoughts for Daily Living, p. 50). Manners, whether at Mass or in other situations, reveal the value we place on each other and God.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Saunders, Rev. William. "Appropriate Behavior in Church." *Arlington Catholic Herald*.



WELCOME into our Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal Family through **Baptism** –
MARK JUSTIN ALBA / KATHLEEN GOLEZ SY/ TRAVIS OIDI/ JAN-LAURRAINE SY ALEGRIA / AIDAN RILEY DELIZO / MIGHUEL RUFINO POLICARPIO / JECEL ANDREA ARBINAYA/ SHEREEN MAE CARANTO/ MATTHIEU-FRANCIS SILVOZA

We pray God will give wisdom and courage to her parents as they endeavour to provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to faith growth.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
to
Pedro Bugarin Diaz Sr.
and
Rosita de los Santos Transfiguracion



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY** offered by **NOEMI TUVIDA**.



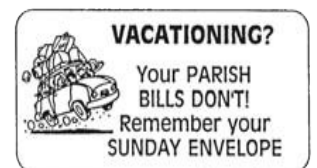
STEWARDSHIP: The concept of Christian Stewardship giving is the very essence of Church support. Each of us should return to the Lord a portion of our blessings so that the Church may continue to grow and provide a spiritual haven for the faithful. A faithful steward manages his Time, Talents, and Treasury for the glory of God and His Church.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!
God bless you always!!!



VACATIONS---VACATIONS---VACATIONS

Now is the season for vacations, out-of-town weekends, etc. Please remember you parish when you are on vacation. Please "make-up" your donation for the weeks you miss over the summer months. Our expenses are ever-escalating, and we all need to work together if we are going to successfully keep the FCMM alive! Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the Grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well the Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by the parish office during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your special intention.

OUR HOSPITALITY CORNER IS CURRENTLY BEING UP-DATED.

Please inform the FCMM Office (514- 387 5292) for your intentions to be included in the Bulletin.

We wish our parishioners a blessed and



enjoyable summer vacation. As many of us make vacation plans, let us also pray
that as we travel, we travel with the Lord. May we also remember to include our
Lord

in all our travel and vacation plans this season!

