

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2012**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012-MEMORIAL-ST. ANDRE BESSETTE**  
(1John5.14-21, John2.1-12)

5:00 Celine Flynn through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012**

(Isaiah60.1-6, Eph3.2-3a, 5-6, Matt.2.1-12)

10:30 Muriel Barrington by Dick & Janet Macklem

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 - NO MASS  
FEAST - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

(Isaiah42.1-4, 6-7, Mark1.7-11)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012**

(1Sam1.9-20, Mark1.21-28)

5:00

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012**

(1Sam3.1-10, 19-20, Mark1.29-39)

9:00

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012**

**MEMORIAL - ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS**

(1Sam4.1c-11, Mark1.40-45)

9:00 Jason Peagram by his family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012**

(1Sam8.4-7, 10-22a, Mark2.1-12)

9:00 Jason Peagram (First Anniversary)

by Ascension of Our Lord Parish

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012**

(1Sam9.1-4, 17-19, 10.1a, Mark2.13-17)

5:00 Anita McKenna O'Brien by Eileen de Neeve

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012**

(1Sam3.3b-10, 19, 1Cor6.13c-15a, 17-20, John 1.35-42)

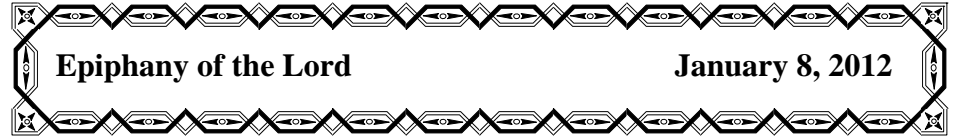
10:30 Germaine & Leonard Mallette by Ann & Louis Mallette

The **Tabernacle Lamp** will burn this week  
for the intention of  
**Simone Wright**  
by her family

**This Week at Ascension**

Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 6 p.m. in the East Sacristy for  
information call 931-5536.

Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



## Christmas in January by Paul Turner

When does Christmas end? It depends. If you are asking about the social celebration in (Canada), it comes to an end on Christmas Day. Stores take down their decorations. "After-Christmas" sales begin. Holiday music disappears from radio stations. And in many homes, people pull down the tree, package up the manger, and tuck away the stockings.

Food is about the only thing left. You'll probably still have Christmas cookies and leftovers from the big family dinner. But otherwise, evidence of Christmas goes into hiding until sometime next autumn.

It's different at church. Most Catholic churches in (Canada) will leave their Christmas decorations up through the end of the liturgical Christmas season. That extends from Christmas Day through the solemnities of Mary, Mother of God (January 1); Epiphany (the following Sunday); and Baptism of the Lord (usually the Sunday after Epiphany, but in some years the very next day). The priest and deacon will switch from white vestments to green ones when Ordinary Time begins in earnest after observing the Baptism of the Lord.

This is why you may still see poinsettias and other decorations lasting well into January — but only at church. The decorations are one way that we express our complete belief in the meaning of this day. We have too much to celebrate on December 25.

To grasp the full meaning of that day, we extend Christmastime well into January. You could do the same at your home. Leave some decorations in place — both inside and outside the house. Let your home be a place where Christmas is too big to be restricted to one day. Let the spirit of the season extend into the new year, spreading its joy that Christ is born for us.

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### ***From the Desk of the Pastor***

Fr. Pat and I would like to express our appreciation for the many Christmas greetings and gifts we received from parishioners over the Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and consideration touched our hearts. We wish you all a peaceful and happy new year.

Sincerely,  
***Msgr. Sean***

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## Ascension Parishioners!



As a result of your generosity at the Advent Mass of Concern, our parish has been able to help about 90 individuals and families with certificates for food at Christmas. We have also made a donation of \$5,000 to Westmount Park School's Breakfast Program.

We would like to thank those who support our ongoing efforts to collect non-perishable food for St. Willibrord's Food Bank, glasses for Lenscrafter's Gift of Sight Program and as well as all those who cook and serve meals at Benedict Labre House and who help at L'Abri en Ville. We would also like to thank all those who made financial contributions to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas in memory of loved ones.

Your generosity makes a difference in many lives. Thank you all.

### **Journey to the Heart of the Faith - Fr. Barron Film Series**

**Details:** In Catholicism: Journey to the Heart of the Faith, Father Barron seeks to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith. Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ's incarnation, life, and teaching, we move through the defining elements of Catholicism - from sacraments, worship, and prayer, to Mary, the Apostles, and Saints, to grace, salvation, heaven, and hell. Catholicism is an intimate journey, capturing "The Catholic Thing" in all its depth and beauty. Father Barron brings the faith to life for a new generation, in a style that is both faithful to timeless truths, while simultaneously speaking in the language of contemporary life. Join us for a movie and discussion.

**Location:** St. Willibrord Parish, 351 Willibrord St., Verdun

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Dates:** Jan.13 & 27, Feb.10 & 24, Mar.9 & 23, Apr.13 & 27, May 11 & 25

**Cost:** Free will offering to cover our cost

**Contact:** 514-76-9678 or view: <http://www.stwillibrordparish.org/>

### **Parish Support**

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

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