



A NEW SERVICE TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**LATE SUNDAY MASS AT 8 P.M.
AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH
SAINT-LAURENT**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing you this letter to inform you of an initiative that will be starting this coming weekend (October 20, 2013).

As a service to the Catholic community, I will be offering a celebration of Sunday mass at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Saint-Laurent (875 Marcel-Laurin boulevard, metro Côte-Vertu). This will not just be for one weekend only: this service will continue throughout the pastoral year.

The main reason I want to begin to offer this late Sunday mass is to provide a service to the community of Catholics who increasingly need some flexibility in their weekend schedules. Whether it is because they are travelling, or are now required by their employer to work on Sunday, or are simply looking for a way to transition from the weekend to a new week of work, experience suggests that this kind of Mass can be a real help. Not every parish can offer a late Sunday mass, of course, but something provided on a diocesan level can be a real support to our people.

I am also hoping that this mass will allow us to build greater connections among ourselves as one Catholic community. I expect that people will come to this mass from all over the diocese, giving us a chance to get to know one another. We will also be able to invite liturgical ministers from different parishes to share their gifts on a rotating basis, thereby strengthening their bond with the diocesan church as a whole.

The bottom line, my friends, is that when the people of God gather in prayer, good things happen. The Eucharist is at the heart of our life and identity as Catholics. My prayer is

that this service, humble as it may be, might be a catalyst for even greater life in the Holy Spirit for all of us.

If you have any questions about this mass, feel free to contact Sr. Pamela Buchner at the diocese (514-925-4349, pbuchner@diocesemontreal.org).

I look forward to meeting new people through this mass. Feel free to pass this notice on to people you know, and please consider yourself invited!



+Thomas Dowd, Episcopal Vicar
Titular bishop of Treba and auxiliary bishop of Montreal

October 16, 2013



Directions to Our Lady of Fatima

A preliminary warning: these directions do not take into account detours due to construction, as those can change from week to week (or even day to day). Don't give up, you'll get there!

By public transport: Get to Côte-Vertu metro station. Walk west until Marcel-Laurin, and then turn left and continue (i.e. walk south) to the church. A 10-minute walk.

From the south: Take Decarie north, and continue north past highway 40 onto Marcel-Laurin. The entrance to the church parking lot will come up on the right after a few blocks.

From the east: Take highway 40 west to Decarie / Marcel-Laurin. Go north on Marcel-Laurin. The entrance to the church parking lot will come up on the right after a few blocks.

From the west: Due to one-way roads and the difficulty crossing Marcel-Laurin, this one is a bit trickier. Take highway 40 east, and exit onto Côte-Vertu east. Continue on Côte-Vertu until Alexis-Nihon. Turn right on Alexis-Nihon, and continue until De l'Église. Turn left on De l'Église, and continue until Marcel-Laurin. Turn left on Marcel-Laurin, and the entrance to the church parking lot will be on your right.

From Laval: There are many possible routes, but the simplest is to cross on either highway 13 or 15 and use the directions from either east or west. An alternative is to use the Pont Lachapelle and come up Marcel-Laurin.