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# Rediscovering the Sacred

Bishop Tremblay, our bishop, has just published a book with Media-paul, available from Amazon and Kobo, amongst others, entitled "Retrouver le sacré" (Rediscovering the Sacred). It is an interview-style

book that explores, with great simplicity and genuine depth, the possibility of rediscovering the sacred dimension of the world in a cultural context that has largely forgotten it.

The book takes the form of a spontaneous conversation between three friends: Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI, Jean Désy, a doctor and writer from northern Quebec, and Isabelle Duval, a multidisciplinary artist.

This conversational structure gives the text a lively, accessible and deeply human tone, far removed from a traditional theological treatise. Together, they address five main themes.

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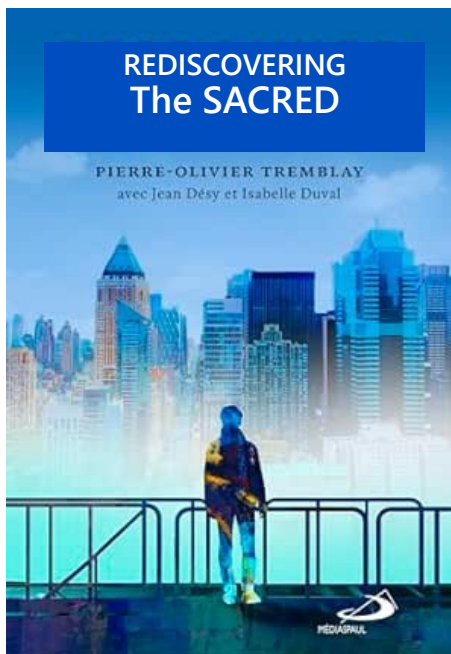
## A) The loss of a sense of the sacred

The authors observe that contemporary sensibilities have drifted away from the sacred, absorbed by technology, speed and individualism. The book seeks to understand how this rupture occurred and why it leaves a spiritual void.

## B) The experience of God today

Bishop Tremblay shares his spiritual journey, his pastoral experiences (notably at the Cap de la Madeleine sanctuary) and his vision of a faith rooted in encounter, vulnerability and beauty.

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Chapleau, ON



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**Mass Schedule**  
As published herein.

**Communion at home**  
Please contact Fr. Ben to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Please contact the office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Please call the office at least six months (preferably one full year) prior to the wedding date to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of the Sick**  
Please contact Fr. Ben to arrange either for a home or a hospital visit to receive the Sacrament of the sick.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Upon request.

**OFFICE HOURS**  
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### C) The future of the Christian faith

The trio discusses the state of the Church in Quebec and Canada: institutional decline, the persistent search for meaning, and the need for a Church that is more humble, more accessible and more incarnate.

The book does not lament: it offers a clear-eyed hope, founded on creativity, fraternity and mission.

### D) The role of the arts and culture

Thanks to the presence of Isabelle Duval, the conversation explores how art opens the way to contemplation, depth and transcendence. The sacred is not merely religious: it touches on poetry, nature, music and human relationships.

### E) A spirituality for our times.

The book proposes a renewed spirituality, rooted in the Christian tradition yet attentive to the riches of modernity: dialogue with Indigenous cultures, the importance of the body and emotions, a return to simplicity, and the rediscovery of silence.

This book is written in a simple, warm, down-to-earth style, in which Bishop Tremblay speaks without jargon, with candour and humour. Furthermore, it responds to a genuine thirst for meaning in a disenfranchised world, where the three friends explore medicine, art and pastoral care with a particular focus on spiritual matters.

In short, this is an illuminating, deeply human work that succeeds in speaking of the sacred without heaviness or abstraction. It opens up a space for breathing and reflection, particularly precious in a cultural context marked by spiritual fatigue and a loss of bearings.

NB: Only available in French at the moment

« The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly... »

(Acts 6)

## MASS SCHEDULE

From May 2 to 10, 2026

Sat	2	5 pm	<b>F</b>	• Parishioners' Intentions / Your pastor
Sun	3	9:30 am	<b>E</b>	• Victorine Fortin / Lorraine Fortin • Lucien Pilon / Michel & Gloria Demers
Mon	4			<b>No mass</b>
Tue	5	9:30 am	<b>B</b>	• Familles Desbois et Babin / Evelyn Gionet
Wed	6	9:30 am	<b>B</b>	• Armande Bouchard / Club Maria Chapdelaine
		9:15 am	<b>F</b>	• Roger Dionne / Anne Brunette *
Thu	7	1 pm	<b>E</b>	• Diane Collings / Judy, Jim, & Nancy **
		6 pm		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri	8	9:30 am	<b>B</b>	• Joanne Plourde / Lucie & Sylvain Ayotte
Sat	9	5 pm	<b>E</b>	• Robert Moreau / His niece Gail O'Riley • Richard Pilon / Rita Pilon
Sun	10	9:30 am	<b>F</b>	• Parishioners' Intentions / Your pastor

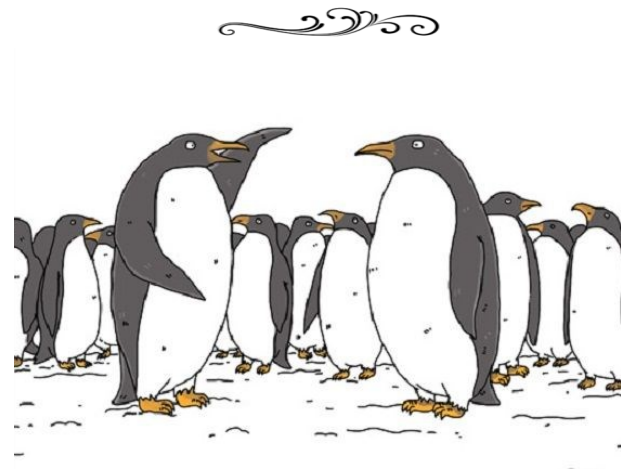
\* School mass with Sacré-Cœur & Trillium schools (F)

\*\* School mass with Our Lady of Fatima school (E)

### Last Weekend's Offerings - April 25-26, 2026

Sunday Offering .....	\$1,538.70
Diocesan Levy .....	\$15.00
New Year's Offering.....	\$5.00
Lamps (from lamp stands) .....	\$773.35

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« Have you seen my wife? She's about this tall...black and white. »

Sanctuary Lamp:  
In Honour of Glenna Sabejon

## The Month of Mary

The dedication of May to Mary dates back to the end of the 13th century, when the Church sought to Christianize existing pagan springtime festivals. In the Middle Ages, the 'Flowers of May' tradition emerged, where the faithful offered flowers and songs to Mary. By the 18th century, the Jesuits actively promoted Marian devotions, including daily Rosary prayers, flower crowns, and hymns, which helped establish May as the Month of Mary in Catholic practice. The devotion spread widely, and by the 19th century it was observed in nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite.



## Church Hall Rental

According to the terms of the new Diocesan insurance company, ie Gallagher Insurance, any group or individual wishing to rent the Parish Hall will now need to purchase Insurance coverage per activity. Please review the enclosed leaflet for more information We thank everyone for their kind co-operation in this regard.

## Publication of Banns

Notice is given that Joseph Gilles Daniel André Servent, son of Luc and Isabelle Servent, and Amanda Huguette Marie Mondor Piché, will be married in our church on May 16, 2026. (1/3)

## English Choir News

English choir practice is cancelled until the end of May. Stay tuned!

The English choir would like to thank Bernice Stewart Pilon and Louise Moreau for their kind monetary gifts in memory of loved ones Lucien Pilon and Robert Moreau. These generous donations enable the choir to purchase paper and ink, and allow us to explore contemporary Catholic hymns.

## Upcoming Events

### May 3 - Bingo

There is a parish Bingo at the church hall this Sunday, May 3rd at 1pm. Entrance is \$25. Under Licence M 882708. Welcome players 19 years + up.



### May 5 - AA Meeting

A reminder to members of Alcoholics Anonymous that our next meeting will take place in the sacristy on Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm.

### June 28 to July 4 - Bible Summer Camp

The Egyptian Community of Ottawa will be offering a Bible Summer Camp for area children beginning Sunday, June 28 to July 4, 2026. More information will follow...

## Attendance at Mass

♦ April 25 (27 present)

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