

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

This weekend, Fr. Raymond celebrated the Confirmation of 28 of our young people.

Congratulations to: Daniel Arcangeli, Jesse Arruda, Joshua Arruda, Jayden Azeredo, Luca Ciaramella, Nélida Diaz de Leon, Félix Elliott, Olivia Ersoni, Julia Falciani, Anthony Gentile-Patti, Chelsea Guiang, Riley Harrison, Graeson Hill, Massimo Iacampo, Ronaëlle Joseph, Nicola Mennillo, Luca Mokbel, Kailyn Rae Narciso, Filippo Navarra, Tesfu Ogbit, Christian Pace, Teianah Poonin, Mia Romano Di Tella, Cyril Szelest Van Dussen, Rio Tom, Christina Vietri and Iris Amanda Villanueva.

Synodal Church Webinar Series: Communion, Participation & Mission

Please join us for the remaining **Wednesday evenings** on **June 1, and June 8** from **7 – 8:30pm EDT**, and continue a synodal journey which follows a series of discussions from last February on **The Chosen** and led by **Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, E.V.**, Episcopal Vicar of the English-speaking faithful and Director of the Diocesan Office for English Pastoral Services. Registration is FREE. Freewill online donations are greatly appreciated.

Register Now! Please note that advance registration is required!

Kindly use the Link below to fill out the form.

<http://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/parishvitality/language/en/the-chosen-a-synodal-journey-spring-2022/>

The Outline for the upcoming green projects to St Monica's.

3) The theology of *Laudato Si*; elements for a “deep ecology”

We are one with Creation: in fact, the Church has been saying this over the years. The evolution of the environmental movement built on biology and ecology as sciences to include many other disciplines and areas of knowledge and wisdom.

The concept of deep ecology arose from the understanding that the living environment as a whole should be respected and regarded as having basic moral and legal rights to live and flourish; it is linked to the ethics of respecting Life on Earth and Mother Earth. In history, Christian and Catholic scientists expressed the beauty of finding God in the manifestations of natural history (geology, ecology, biology, astronomy). With this pleasure comes service. What responsibilities come with the Bible's guidance to humans in their free will, on nature, animals, plants and creation? What does it mean spiritually, to care for nature? When God gave dominion on earth to people, plants, animals and land and sea, what are the conditions of this dominion?

Christ often refers to the servitude of leaders. Awareness and conscience of our gift or power comes with the holy duty of care and service. Overexploitation of natural resources and damage to nature are in themselves sinful. Saint Francis of Assisi, in his “Canticle of the Sun”, refers to his brother Sun and sister moon, to the triangle of love through which God cares for people, all of us, as a community but also as individuals, and for His Creation, all of nature, our Earth and our Universe – but this love needs to be fully reciprocal. All popes including Saint John XXIII, John Paul II, Paul VI, Benedict XVI and Francis called for radical change in the conduct of humanity, for a human ecology. Many of them reminded us that science and technology mean nothing unless associated with social and moral progress.

Since 2016, Pope Francis has spoken about the concept of ecological sin. In paragraph 2 of *Laudato Si*, sister Earth is mentioned as one of the most forgotten “poor” in the Lord's choices for action – we forget that we are the dust of the Earth. More recently, the Amazon Synod of Bishops in October 2019 has produced rich material about our common home, and the duty to abhor ecological sin was announced by Pope Francis in a November 2019 statement.

Each of us can make better choices in terms of lifestyles, modes of production and consumption, in full respect for human persons and the world around us. When His Creation is harmed by us, this is misuse of our free will. Paragraph 13 of the Encyclical calls for the whole human family to seek a sustainable development, and points to a new dialogue to shape the future of the planet. That is also the responsibility of Sta Monica Parish. If you want to learn more, watch Laudato Sí 101 | Ep. 3 | A Time to Choose as Catholics - YouTube, and write to emanuel.hillel@gmail.com.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

St. Monica's Parish Council is seeking new members. The goal of the Council is to help the Pastor promote and enhance the spiritual life of the Parish. The Council should consist of (12) members, plus the Pastor, Pastoral Assistant, a Representative from the Wardens and 1 or 2 teenage Parishioners. To qualify, Members must be a Parishioner of St. Monica's Parish, willing to work as a team member, and must be available to attend monthly meetings which will be held on the same day & time each month which will be determined at the first meeting in September. This commitment is for a 3-year term with the option of another term renewal. If you would like to join or need more information about the Council, please phone the Office, leave your name & number and you will be contacted. Pray about it, maybe this is where God is calling you to serve.

MASS INTENTIONS: 28 May to 3 June, 2022

Saturday, 4:00pm – May 28, 2022:

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 9:00am – May 29, 2022: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Antonio Bei

Barry & Brenda Holdbrook

Dominic Silvestri

by Gabriella Bei & Family

from the Supino Family

by the Family

Sunday, 11:00am – May 29, 2022: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Livestreamed

Lionello Paoli

Charlie Hindley

Michele Giangaspero

by Pietrina Turini

by Drex Meriales & Raquel Galvan

from his Wife

Tuesday, 8:30am – May 31 2022: FEAST – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sophie Weber Suchann

from Ann Ascoli

Wednesday, 8:30am – June 1, 2022: MEMORIAL – Saint Justin

Stellina Maiolo

from Luigi Mascia & Family

Thursday, 7:00pm – June 2, 2022: Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter

Michele Ferrara

by Vincenzina Ferrara

Friday, 8:30am – June 3, 2022: MEMORIAL – Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

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