

Called to be Holy

(God said) "If you live according to my laws, if you keep my commandments and put them into practice, I shall give you the rain you need at the right time; the soil will yield its produce and the trees of the countryside their fruit; you will thresh until vintage time and gather grapes until sawing time. You will eat your fill of bread and live secure in your land." Lev. 26: 3-6

Today is the ongoing attempt to make our church and our homes Green Communities. We will focus on the positive effects of buying organic products. Food from organic farms are loaded with nutrients such as vitamins, enzymes, minerals and other micro nutrients. Organic farming uses non artificial fertilizers and no pesticides. Organic farms are managed using sustainable practices. Organic farming stays away from GMOs (genetically modified food). Statistics show that GMOs are contaminating natural food sources at a rapid pace, manifesting grave effects beyond our comprehension. Organic farming gives us an alternative from consuming poultry, meat, eggs, fish and dairy products that contain high quantities of chemicals, antibiotics, drugs and hormones. Organic farming helps protect creation.

One way for us to support this movement is to buy Fair Trade products. Most Fair Trade products are organic and carry the organic label. They may be a little more costly but the workers are paid a fair wage.

Let us also recall a text from Deut 24:14: You must not exploit poor and needy wage-earners; be they your brothers or sisters or foreigners residing in your community. Also let us take note of Jesus' words "The labourers deserve their wages". Luke 10:7

What can we do as a church and a community to make an impact:

Use Fair Trade coffee, tea and sugar at all church events.

Buy Fair Trade palms for Palm Sunday.

Buy Fair Trade wine for the Eucharist

What can we do in our personal lives:

Buy local organic products at the markets in summer

Look for the organic food section at the supermarket

Buy Fair Trade gifts such as chocolate, olive oil and crafts that can be purchased at 10,000 Villages.

Every little gesture counts!

Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming events

Daring to Dream

The Daring to Dream series, presented by Carl Madigan, continues this coming **Wednesday, February 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Please join us!

Video Divina

This year, Fr. Lloyd Baugh's film series looks at movies from different cultural and religious traditions and considers how their deities invite believers to undertake the journey towards *holiness* which is *wholeness*. Join him on **Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory** to view the film "My Father, My Lord". Free admission and popcorn, with discussion to follow. All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 3, 2019

Saturday, February 23: St. Polycarp

4:00 Caucci & Sparapani families by Teresa Caucci
Antonio Bei by Gabriella Bei & family
Maria Cardilli by Salvatore Cardilli

Sunday, February 24: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 IN LOVING MEMORY: Adelino Coverini and Derek Menezes
11:00 Italo Falcone by Pauline Haddad
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Jennine Cloutier by the Tai Chi Group

Monday, February 25: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, February 26: Weekday Mass

8:00 Susana Leon by Elvira

Wednesday, February 27: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, February 28: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Friday, March 1: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, March 2: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Maria Cardilli by Salvatore Cardilli
Ignazio Ciampini by Ernesta Ciampini
Vincenzo Antonietta LaPosta by Concetta LaPosta

Sunday, March 3: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Deceased members of the Petosa family by Maria & Raffaele Cinetti
Sante & Francesca LaPosta by Concetta LaPosta
11:00 IN LOVING MEMORY: Giovanni & Norena Ones and the Cullen family

January 2019 Financial Report

Budget Estimates for the Year 2019	\$ 290,600.00
Monthly Revenue Goals	\$ 23,440.00
Current Month Sunday Collections	\$ 10,155.45
Current Month Online Collections	\$ 2,080.00
Year to date ALL Revenues	\$ 14,221.00
Year to date ALL Expenses	\$ 17,809.00
Difference: Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,588.00)

Thank you for your ongoing support of your Parish.

Collection for the weekend of **February 16 & 17, 2019**

totalled **\$ 2,360.50**

Weekend Retreat

Silent, directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Priere Notre-

Dame in Longueuil which begins

Friday evening, March 22 and ends Sunday afternoon.

Call 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172,

Or visit www.montrealretreats.org

Lenten Prayer and Reflection

booklets for 2019 have arrived.

These wonderful booklets inspire and accompany you and your family throughout Lent. They are priced at \$2 each. Our Mass coordinators will make these booklets available for you to purchase at the main church entrance after the weekend Masses.

For the weekday Masses, please see the Mass coordinator at the end of the Mass.

Pilgrimage. On Saturday, **June 1, 2019** St. Monica's Parish will make a pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne de Varennes Basilica and the Shrine of Saint Marguerite d'Youville. Bus transportation will be provided. Further details to follow.

2018 Tax Receipts for holders of Donation Envelopes Boxes are now available at the back of the church.

2019 Sunday Donation Envelope

Boxes are now available for you to pick up at the back of the church. Parishioners with box numbers from 281 on have been assigned new box numbers. These can be obtained by consulting the list next to the boxes.

St. Patrick's Day Brunch: St. Richard's Parish. **Sunday, March 17 after the 10:30 a.m. mass** (7070 Guelph Road, Cote St. Luc) a traditional Irish breakfast will be served along with some treats for the kids. Cost is \$20 for adults; includes breakfast and one "Irish coffee". \$10 for kids under 12; includes breakfast and one "Irish coffee" suitable for kids. Call the parish office 514-488-0778.

