



## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, celebrated from September 1 to October 4, has its roots in the Orthodox Church's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established in 1989. In 2015, Pope Francis expanded this initiative, calling on Catholics worldwide to join in prayer and action for the protection of the environment. This year's theme is "To hope and act with Creation" based on Romans 8:19-25. Pope Francis reminds us, "The earth cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her" (Laudato Si', 2). He echoes St. Paul's words in Romans 8:19-25, which speaks of creations' longing for liberation from decay and its hope for freedom and glory. As Pope Francis says, "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains – everything is, as it were, a caress of God" (Laudato Si', 84). During the Season of Creation, we're called to hope and act with creation. We're urged to reduce our impact on the earth, advocate for policies that prioritize creation's well-being, and support those most affected by environmental degradation. Pope Francis emphasizes, "We are not God. The earth was here before us, and it has been given to us". Let us care for creation as a sacred trust, and work towards a future where the earth and all its inhabitants can thrive. May our hope and actions be guided by love, compassion, and a deep respect for the earth and all its inhabitants.

## FAMILY TREE OF LIFE

At the beginning of May a letter was mailed out, informing you about the official launch of St Monica's Church 75th Anniversary celebrations and the theme for the celebration:

**"PRESERVING THE PAST, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE!"**

If you have not received the letter explaining details on how you can be a part of the **ST. MONICA'S FAMILY TREE OF LIFE**, please pick up a copy of the letter at the back of the Church.

If you have any other questions regarding the Family Tree, or how to participate, please contact the parish office at 514-481-0264 x 221.

## CHOIR REGISTRATION

Come join the Choir! The **9:00am Mass Choir** practises every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30am and on First Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

The **Children's Choir** sings for the **11:00am Mass** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month. Practises will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Please see our [Organist, Patricia Lawrence](#).

## SASMAD – PASTORAL HOME CARE

Are you a good listener with a concern for those who are ill, isolated or elderly? We are currently looking for volunteers who can give of their time for one hour a week, to visit those who are unable to connect to the community due to immobility or illness. Visits would take place in the person's home or senior's residence and can be arranged according to your own schedule, close to where you live.

***Free formation sessions will be provided at St. John Brebeuf Parish, 7777 George St., Ville LaSalle and must be completed over both of the following two weekends:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend: Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 9:00pm // Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00pm // Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Basic skills of listening and spiritual accompaniment will be explored. If interested, please contact Cathie Macaulay at: [cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org) or (514) 931-7311 x 354.

***Certificate provided upon completion.***

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR LABOR DAY**

**MASS INTENTIONS – 31 AUGUST – 8 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – August 31, 2024: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Aline Wong*

*Ignazio Ciampini*

*Sabatino Santache*

*Giulia Angelini*

*Wong Family*

*Wife & Family*

*Marie Teresa Palucci & Family*

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**Sunday, 9:00am – September 1, 2024: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 11:00am – September 1, 2024 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Leonilda Francescangeli*

*Ignazio Mattei*

*Gus, Mary Margaret & Grace Emily Malagodi*

*Gino & Family*

*Domenica Mattei & Family*

*Joan Patricia Crilley*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – September 3, 2024: MEMORIAL – Saint Gregory the Great**

*Pasquale, Rosa & Michele Ferrara*

*Michele Ferrara*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – September 4, 2024: Blessed Dina Bélanger**

*Ilario & Stellina Maiolo*

*Family*

**Thursday – 8:30am – September 5, 2024: Weekday**

*Brenda Provencher*

**Thursday -7:00pm – September 5, 2024: Weekday**

*Atet Gebresilase & Abrhet Tadese*

*Aunty Lee & Elaine*

*Leteamlak Temnewo*

**Friday, 8:30am – September 6, 2024: Weekday**

*Luisa Lara*

*Norma Lara*

**Saturday, 4:00pm – September 7, 2024: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Howard Chan*

*Giovanna, Pietro, Americo & Argeo Forlini*

*Ogbit & Temnewo Family*

*Pauline Wong*

*Vincenzina Ferrara*

*leteamlak Temnewo*

**Sunday, 9:00am – September 8, 2024: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 11:00am – September 8, 2024 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Virginia & Ettore Lanni*

*Domenico Michetti*

*Egidio & Maddelena Aguzzi*

*Family*

*Ida Onesi & Family*

*Diana Brocca & Family*