

"THE WISDOM OF THE HEART" (PART TWO):**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2015**

In today's Gospel, we witness the **healing ministry** of Jesus: his cleansing of the leper, restoring him to health, to his family, to his community. This week, we continue our reading of Pope Francis' message for the 2015 World Day of the Sick: **"I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame."** (Job 29:15)

Wisdom of the heart means going forth from ourselves towards our brothers and sisters. Occasionally our world forgets the special value of time spent at the bedside of the sick, since we are in such a rush; caught up as we are in a frenzy of doing, of producing, we forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others, being responsible for others. Behind this attitude there is often a lukewarm faith which has forgotten the Lord's words: "You did it unto me."

Wisdom of the heart means showing solidarity with our brothers and sisters while not judging them. Charity takes time: time to care for the sick, and time to visit them. True charity is a sharing which does not judge, which does not demand the conversion of others; it is free of that false humility which, deep down, seeks praise and is self-satisfied about whatever good it does. Job's experience of suffering finds its genuine response only in the cross of Jesus, the supreme act of God's solidarity with us, completely free and abounding in mercy. This response of love to the drama of human pain, especially innocent suffering, remains forever impressed on the body of the risen Christ; his glorious wounds are a scandal for faith but also the proof of faith.

Even when illness, loneliness and inability make it hard for us to reach out to others, the experience of suffering can become a privileged means of transmitting grace and a source for gaining and growing in *sapientia cordis*. We come to understand how Job, at the end of his experience, could say to God: "I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you." (42:5). People immersed in the mystery of suffering and pain, when they accept these in faith, can themselves become living witnesses of a faith capable of embracing suffering, even without being able to understand its full meaning.

I entrust this World Day of the Sick to the maternal protection of Mary, who conceived and gave birth to Wisdom incarnate: Jesus Christ, our Lord: ***O Mary, Seat of Wisdom, intercede as our Mother for all the sick and for those who care for them! Grant that, through our service of our suffering neighbours, and through the experience of suffering itself, we may receive and cultivate true wisdom of heart!*** With this prayer for all of you, I impart my Apostolic Blessing. *From the Vatican, 3 December 2014, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier* FRANCIS

2015 Lenten Prayer and Reflection Booklets

The 2015 Lenten Prayer and Reflection Booklets are available for you to purchase at the main entrance of the church. The adult, family and children's editions are priced at **\$2.00** each. Please put your payment in the **Missalette and Newspaper Payment Box**.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE brings the Joy of the Gospel for Share Lent 2015

On Ash Wednesday, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will launch its annual Share Lent campaign with the theme "Sow much love ... to give." This annual campaign raises funds to support its mission in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. In each one, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE shares the joy of its mission. We hope the Holy Father's inspiring words will lead you to read the full text, and move you to give generously to the Share Lent campaign. To learn more about the SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN, please read the material inserted

in the bulletin during the coming weeks.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND (FEBRUARY 14-15, 2015)

AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.

LOONIES and SPARE CHANGE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 14 TO 22, 2015

Saturday, February 14: St. Cyril and St. Methodius

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Maria Nudo By Elvira Nudo

Sunday, February 15: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonio & Assunta Ienco By the Family
Kathy Felli By Rosa & Luigi Salvati
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased members of the Charles J. McDonald Family, Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mamnone.

Monday, February 16: Weekday Mass

8:00 Alexander Cybulski By Claudia & George Ciampini

Tuesday, February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Ermando Giuseppe Nudo By wife Elvira

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday

8:00 Alessandro Fiori By his Children
Linus Doyle By Marion Doyle & Family

7:00 Ash Wednesday Mass-Evening

Thursday, February 19: Weekday Mass

8:00 Agnese, Martino & Antonio Gagliardi By the Family
Giacomo Fiori By wife Berardina & Family

Friday, February 20: Weekday Mass

8:00 Caucci & Sparapani Family By Teresa Caucci

Saturday, February 21: St. Peter Damian

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Pietro Di Meglio, Mike Kilbertus, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Alessandro Palladini, Pasquale D'Addio, Danny Dupont.

Sunday, February 22: First Sunday of Lent

8:30 Special Intention for a Parishioner By Family
Velma Valleau By Millie & Dominic Silvestri
11:00 Fioravante Rotiroti By the Rotiroti Family
Elmer Cere By Alfredo & Maria Diodati

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of February 7-8, totalled \$2,614.30.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

There will be two masses offered on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The usual morning mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m.; and a second mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at both masses.

COOL (Children of Our Lord) YOUTH RETREAT

Friday, March 13 at 6:30 pm until Saturday, March 14 at 5:30 pm

To Register Contact: stmonicasyouth@gmail.com
or call Claire at 514-482-7493

Suggested Donation \$20 (includes dinner Friday, Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday). In partnership with NET Ministries of Canada <http://www.netcanada.ca/>

If anyone is interested in helping out with food donations for the retreat, there will be sign-up sheets after the masses for the next couple of weekends. Contact Claire for more info.



Join the Youth Group

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Video Divina

Fr. Raymond's movie series "Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments" continues with the movie **Philomena** on **Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Coffee and Conversation

In this session of NOOMA, we will view "TODAY - Can we become so consumed with the past that we can't see the beauty of today?" Join us on **Sunday, February 22, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room. Babysitting is available upon request.

God Calls You By Name: Become Who You Are!

When do you feel most alive, most yourself? Come join **Catherine Cherry and Fr. Ray Lafontaine**, on **Wednesday, February 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the parish hall, and discover the "Name" God gave you, your "personal vocation" - that which you are and do no matter what you are doing. Our "Name", our "personal vocation", becomes the signpost, the lighthouse that guides all our decisions and actions. When we live it, we are on track, and even in stormy waters, we are safe. We can live God's call to abundant life!

Free babysitting available upon request at registration.

Please register by **February 23**.

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

If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.