# **Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming Events**

# **God with us in the Mess**

There is much good and joy in life but there is also much evil in the world and much pain in everyone's life. Do you ever find yourself wondering where God is in your pain, losses, betrayals, sufferings, or experiences of abuse? Where is God when bad things happen to you, and why does He allow it? Join Catherine Cherry on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall to address these and other such questions so that we can try to understand where God is in the midst of the messes in our lives. Please register by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory** to view the film "Decalogue Eight". 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.

If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office (514) 481-0267 (extension 22).

### **The Faith and Justice Committee**

The Faith and Justice Committee, along with neighbouring parishes and the Social Action Office of the Archdiocese, are planning a march to show our solidarity with the thousands of migrants journeying towards a new life in a better place. This march will take place in May. If you are interested contact Sharon at 514-481-2981 or sign up at the table in front of the wailing room.

# St. Monica's Parish Food Pantry

Our Christmas Baskets included 2 to 3 toys for 81 children 12 yrs. and younger, and \$10 gift cards for 36 teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17, through the generosity of our Parish members. **Knitted mitts and scarfs, will be offered January 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**. Also bought were 220 chickens for 140 families, which were distributed according to the size of each family unit.

The Food Pantry would like to acknowledge the following for their donations of food, financial support, products, services, food drives and the organization and wrapping of the children's gifts.

Provigo, Cavendish and Sherbrooke Sts.; Super C, St. Jacques St.; Discount Car and Truck Rentals, St. Jacques St.; Moisson Montréal, Côte de Liesse Blvd.; Saint Richard's Parish, Cote-Saint-Luc; The Baptismal Ministry; Deacon Richard and colleagues, Doctors from the Children's Hospital; Villa Maria High School; Loyola High School; David Cadogan and his Adult Foster Home; and team Jennie Parsons-Armstrong and Anna Diodati.

Thank you to everyone for your generous food and financial donations year-round, and to our relentless volunteers, who continually show nothing less than compassion and kindness to all our recipients.

Marcelle Lord

# MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 12 TO JANUARY 20, 2019

#### Saturday, January 12: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

**4:00** Rolland Pepin by Verna de Sousa Alessandro Palladini by wife & children

#### Sunday, January 13: Baptism of the Lord

**8:30 IN LOVING MEMORY**: Leona Clarke, Vincenza Forte, Luis S. Meriales and Mamerto N. Naraval

11:00 Flavio Ricci by mother Antonia & family Clarice & Paul Sylvester Anna Szelest by Marilyn Sylvester by Patricia Alonso

#### Monday, January 14: Weekday Mass

**8:00** For the intentions of Teri G. Matthews by Danna Lyn Bowlen

Tuesday, January 15: Weekday Mass

8:00 Beata Ricci by Ricci family

Wednesday, January 16: Weekday Mass

8:00 Adelina Guaiani by Arnaldo Guaiani

#### Thursday, January 17: St. Anthony

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

Friday, January 18: Weekday Mass

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

#### Saturday, January 19: Our Lady's Saturday

**4:00** Gerry McLaughlin by Connie & family John de Sousa by Verna de Sousa

#### Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Luigi & Chiara Sparapani by Teresa Caucci Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri

11:00 IN LOVING MEMORY: The Cullen family, Neil Burgess, Colombo & Emma Salvati, Luigi & Alba Paliotti

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish. Collection for the weekend of December 15-16, 2018 totalled \$ 4,555.44; and the weekend of December 22-23, 2018 totalled \$3,504.50.

Come and See Evening: The next Come and See Evening will be taking place on Friday, January 25, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.. These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for them to share in fellowship, and to explore their call together. Gatherings take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Ave., Ville Mont-Royal). For information contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200

or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

"Jesus, the Heart of (my) Salvation History" Retreat on February 1-3, 2019. Join Jesuit Fathers Sylvester Tan and John Meehan at Villa Saint Martin (9451 Gouin West Blvd., Pierrefonds, H8Y 1T2) as they guide a weekend encounter with the living God. Discover the riveting romance at the heart of all history, even yours! For prices and information contact retreat captain Deacon Brian Cordeiro at brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com
Spaces are limited so register soon.

**2019 Sunday Mass Books:** The 2019 Sunday Mass Books are on sale at the back of the church for \$5.00 each. Please place your payment in the wooden box marked "Payment Box".

#### **2019 Sunday Donation Envelope**

Boxes are now available for you to pick up at the main entrance to 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.

Volunteers at St. Monica's School Breakfast Program are urgently needed to help serve breakfast to children who would otherwise come to school hungry. You need only volunteer for one day a week from 8:15 to 9 a.m.. If you can help fill this urgent need, please call Avice Joseph at 514-486-2769.