

Called to be Holy

Water is the most precious gift of our Green Communities given to us by our Creator God. All plant, animal and human life are dependent on this gift of water. It is a free gift meant to benefit all. Water is used to sustain all forms of life. Recreational, spiritual, religious and health are areas where water is an integral part. Think of the Sacrament of Baptism and the use of holy water. It is therefore, consistent with our tradition that we take care of our "Sister Water", so useful, humble, precious and pure (St. Francis of Assisi).

He said to me mortal man note all this carefully. "This water flows into the Jordan Valley, and to the Dead Sea. When it flows into the Dead Sea it replaces the salt water with fresh water. Wherever the stream flows there will be all kinds of animals and fish. On each bank of the stream all kinds of trees will grow to provide food and they will never stop bearing fruit." (Ezekiel 47:6, 8-9, 12)

The biblical passage is a beautiful reflection of water and nature. It should make us think about our role in water conservation.

Did you know?

- 1) Buying or selling bottled water contributes to the shortage of water worldwide.
- 2) Researchers found bottled water has less stringent safety tests and is more likely to be contaminated and a source of infection than tap water.
- 3) Tap water is constantly monitored and tested at least seven times daily.
- 4) 23% of bottled water is filtered tap water.
- 5) Animal and plant life are adversely affected in areas where there is drilling for water to be bottled.
- 6) It takes twice the amount of water to produce a plastic bottle than the water it contains.
- 7) Only 23% of plastic is recycled. Each year 8 million tons of plastic is deposited in our waters.
- 8) If you drink 8 glasses of water a day, tap water will cost 50 cents a year and bottled water \$1,400.

What can we do?

- 1) Make our church and homes a bottled water free zone.
- 2) At all events use pitchers of water and reusable glasses.
- 3) Buy a water bottle and fill it with tap water before leaving home.
- 4) Save left over water to water house plants.
- 5) Water lawns after sunset and less often.

We can make a difference!

Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming Events

Daring to Dream

World-renowned scientist David Suzuki says, "*We need to **Dream** the world we want; if we dream it, know what it looks like, we might be more successful in making the kinds of changes necessary to maintain the integrity of our planet, our home.*" Join **Carl Madigan** for his three-evening presentation, **Daring to Dream**, on **Wednesday evenings, February 13, 20 and 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Together we will explore and deepen within our own lives the challenge put forth in the words of David Suzuki. Please register by **February 10**.

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, February 22 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. 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).

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2 - 10, 2019

Saturday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

4:00 Beatrice Beaulieu by CND Associates
Anthony Shorgan by CND Associates
Martino Agnese & Antonio Gagliardi by the family

Sunday, February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 IN LOVING MEMORY: Leona Clarke, Colombo & Emma Salvati, Luigi & Alba Paliotti

11:00 Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Italia Cardilli by Giuseppina Pendenza
Italo Falcone by Giuseppina Pendenza

Monday, February 4: Weekday Mass

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini by daughter Louisa

Tuesday, February 5: St. Agatha

8:00 Settimia Fiori Onesi by friends & family

Wednesday, February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Antonio, Caterina & Michele Borrelli by Maria Borrelli

Thursday, February 7: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Friday, February 8: St. Jerome Emiliani

8:00 Kay & Tommy Courtney by Lillian Bibby

Saturday, February 9: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Caucci family by Teresa Caucci
Giovanni & Donata Ricciardi by Carmela Ricciardi
Aniello D'Addio by Franca & family

Sunday, February 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Lionel Brookes by wife Elisa Nucci
Joseph Montrichard by Ann Marie Montrichard
Alejandra N. Naraval by Drex Meriales & Raquel Galvan

11:00 IN LOVING MEMORY: Vincenza Forte, The Cullen family and Cyril Bell

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.

Collection for the weekends of:

January 19-20 & 26-27, 2019 totalled \$4,502.00

Pastoral Home Care Team: If you wish to have a visit from our team and receive communion, please inform us if you or a family member enters a hospital or a residence. Call 514-481-0267.

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.

World day of the Sick 2019: Pastoral Home Care Services/SASMAD is organizing a diocesan celebration for and with the Sick on **Saturday, February 9 at St.-Isaac-Jogues Parish** (1335 Chabanel East, Montreal). It begins **at 9 a.m.**.. Priests will be available for confession and to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The event will culminate at midday with a Eucharistic celebration presided by Archbishop Christian Lepine. Soup will be served following the service. For information contact Cathie Macaulay at cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org or 514-272-4441.

World Marriage Day: will be hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter on **Saturday, February 9**, to celebrate the sacrament of marriage. There will be a bilingual mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lepine **at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral at 5 p.m.** followed by a **banquet at Plaza PMG Centre-Ville** (777 Robert-Bourassa Blvd., Montreal). Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations contact Daisy and Tino and 514-327-9962 or Mary and Len 514-809-7556 or at marriageencounter@hotmail.com

'A Catholic Modernity Revisited': will be held on **February 7 at 4 p.m.** at the **Newman Centre** (3484 Peel St.). Charles Taylor's 1996 lecture "A Catholic Modernity", launched his ground-breaking explorations of faith, secularity and modernity. Taylor will revisit this crucial conversation. Sponsored by the Newman Institute of Catholic Studies. For information call 514-398-4106 or email coordinator@newmancentre.org

