

### Adult Faith Enrichment

"Called to be Holy" is the theme this year for our adult faith education program. In October and November we focused on the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues. This series was centered on a personal level.

"Called to be Holy" reaches far beyond a personal level. It envelops all aspects of our life: is interactive with each other, our communities and also has a global perspective. It includes most certainly, concern for the earth our common home.

In Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* he stresses the importance of caring for the environment and our obligation to act accordingly. "So too is the church. All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education. It is my hope our seminaries and houses of foundation will provide an education in responsibility, simplicity of life, in grateful contemplation of God's world, and in concern for the needs of the poor and the protection of the environment." (*Laudato Si* paragraph 214)

Our response to Pope Francis is that we will endeavor to respond to "Called to be Holy". In February we will start a three week series on environment in a new light "Daring to Dream". We will also embark on a project making St. Monica's a part of the Green Church. If we work together and have a common goal we will make a difference. In the coming weeks we will put forth scripture passages and ideas that will help us achieve our goal of becoming a Green Church.

### 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** this coming **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 this coming **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).*

#### **December 2018 Report**

Description	
Budget Estimates for the Year 2018	\$ 316,200.00
Monthly Revenue Goals	\$ 26,350.00
Current Month Sunday Collections	\$ 43,662.00
Current Month Online Collections	\$ 3,255.00
Year to Date ALL Revenues	\$ 296,581.00
Year to date ALL Expenses	\$ 264,954.00
<b>Difference: Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 31,627.00</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 19 TO JANUARY 27, 2019

### 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

### Monday, January 21: St. Agnes

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

### Tuesday, January 22: St. Vincent

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

### Wednesday, January 23: Weekday Mass

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

### Thursday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

### Friday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul

**8:00** For all Parishioners Intentions

### Saturday, January 26: St. Timothy & St. Titus

**4:00 IN LOVING MEMORY:** Leona Clarke

### Sunday, January 27: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30** Peter Furlotte by St. Monica's Food Pantry

**11:00** Teresina Supino by Michael, Sharon & family  
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri  
Luigi Mammone by Ida Onesi & family

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.

**Collection** for the weekend of:

**December 24 – 25 , 2018 totalled \$ 6,308.00**

**and December 31, 2018 totalled \$1,185.75.**

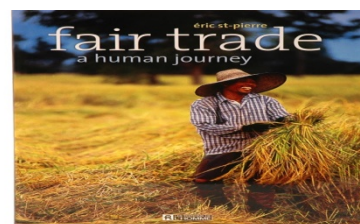
**Parish Vitality:** Join Fr. Lafontaine, EV, with the Office for English Pastoral Services (OEPS) and Parish Vitality Facilitator Terrel Joseph on **Saturday, January 26**, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Thomas à Becket Parish. You will network and share ideas as we explore the direction in which our communities are being called to serve in our neighbourhoods, and how we can respond more fully to our mission, as a parish, as a presence of outreach, and as the body of Christ for the Church in Montreal. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Please register online at [parishvitality@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:parishvitality@diocesemontreal.org)

**Visit in 2019:** In 2016, St. Monica's visited Kateri Tehakwita's shrine in Kahnawake. In 2017, we visited Our Lady of the Cape shrine in Three Rivers. Where will we visit in 2019? If you have any ideas please join us in the parish rectory on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30. For further information please call Sister Lorraine at 514-300-1912.

### **Be refreshed in mind, body and spirit:**

Silent, directed weekend **retreat** at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame in Longueuil. Begins Friday evening, **February 15** and ends Sunday afternoon. Call 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172, or visit [www.montrealretreats.org](http://www.montrealretreats.org)

**Fair Trade Items** are on sale this weekend. Loonies and spare change will also be collected for Zamoran.



**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 "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.

