

CALLED TO BE HOLY

The following comes from Chief Seattle and gives us a wonderful perspective of native people's relationship with our Common Home, Earth. Contemplating these words will hopefully instill in us a sense of oneness with our planet, and therefore, call us to actively protect our gift of creation.

Every part of the earth is sacred, every shining pine needle, every sandy shore. Every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy. The rocky crest, the juices of the meadow, the beasts and all of the people, all belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the earth is our mother; whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

The water's murmur is the voice of our father's father, we are part of the earth, and the earth is part of us.

The rivers are our brothers; they quench our thirst.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters.

The air is precious, for all of us share the same breath.

The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives their last sigh.

The wind gave our children the spirit of life.

This we know: the earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

This we know: all things are connected, like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

For we did not weave the web of life: we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the web in the circle that connects us. Thanks be to God, the God of all.

Chief Seattle

Development and Peace: Share the Journey Lenten Campaign

Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia

In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration. Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 30 – APRIL 7, 2019

Saturday, March 30: Weekday Mass

8:00 **IN LOVING MEMORY:** Alexandra Lahaie

Sunday, March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 Cesare & Iolanda Camaiani by the Piccolino family
Pietro DiMeglio & Feni Castaldi by the DiMeglio family
11:00 Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Deacon Richard Haber by Anna & Andre Nolin
Filippo Forlini by wife Julia Forlini

Monday, April 1: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, April 2: St. Francis of Paola

8:00 Settima Fiori Onesi by friends & family
Antonio, Assunta & Giovanna Buscemi
by Grace Buscemi

Wednesday, April 3: Weekday Mass

8:00 Sabatino Santache by family & friends

Thursday, April 4: St. Isidore

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Friday, April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, April 6: Weekday Mass

4:00 Alessandro Palladini by wife & children
Enza & Antonio LaPosta by Concetta LaPosta

Sunday, April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 **IN LOVING MEMORY:** Leona Clarke, Colombo &
Emma Salvati and Luigi & Alba Paliotti
11:00 Italo Falcone and Italo & Anna Mariani
by Louisa & Angelo Falcone
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Odette Handel by the family

Thank you for your ongoing support of your Parish.

Collection for the weekend of **March 23 & 24, 2019**

Totalled **\$ 4,219.30**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The annual Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on **Wednesday, April 3rd at 7 p.m.** Priests will be available during the service for confession.

Pastoral Council & Wardens

Presence

You may notice that some members of our parish have begun to wear name tags. This is to identify them as current members of the Pastoral Council and Wardens of St. Monica's. Should you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to any of these individuals so that your "voice" can be heard.

Improving Care 2019: 2nd

Bilingual Medical Conference

The Physicians' Alliance against Euthanasia is pleased to announce our 2nd conference, which will take place at the Holiday Inn (999 St. Urbain, Mtl. on **Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

It is intended for primary care and specialist physicians who look after patients nearing the end of their life. Talks by experts in a variety of fields will provide current updates on pain management, home care and psychiatric and legal issues. There will be time to discuss questions of concern to the participants. Registrants may send in their questions in advance to info@collectifmedecins.org for the panel discussion.

For complete information on the conference, hotel bookings and to register please visit our website at <https://collectifmedecins.org>

The day will close with a talk given by Dr. Stephen Liben, *The Future of Palliative Care?* It is open, free of charge to the general public.

