

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA:
CARRIER OF GOD'S TENDER AND MERCIFUL LOVE**

The canonization of Mother Teresa invites us to look to her as a Christian hero, an outstanding model of the Christian life. Pope Francis has chosen to have Mother Teresa's canonization during this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, particularly during the Jubilee celebration for workers and volunteers of mercy. The whole pontificate of Pope Francis is marked by attention and love for the last, the least and the lost, for the marginalized, for those at the peripheries of human existence – the poorest of the poor. How fitting, then, to have Mother Teresa to be, we could even say, the saint of this Jubilee!

At the time of the Inspiration (1946), Jesus gave to Mother Teresa the name of the religious community He was asking her to begin: Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa "translated" this to "carriers of God's love." In this too, she was following Jesus's directions; He had invited her: "You come - go amongst the poor - carry Me with you into them." Thus, she exhorted her religious family to be faithful to the mission entrusted to them: "Carry Him and His light into the homes of the poor, to the souls most in need. Spread the charity of His Heart wherever you go."

The theme expresses as well those particular qualities of charity that she was to make known to the poorest of the poor: the tenderness of God's merciful love for those most in need. She urged her followers to "serve the poor with tender and compassionate love." Mother Teresa insisted that love "cannot remain still. It has to get into action, and that action is service."

As we approach the canonization of Mother Teresa, we may be encouraged by her example and message of God's tender and merciful love to put "love into living action" as she did, to do "ordinary things with extraordinary love." We may not be called to do exactly what Mother Teresa did, but we can do what God entrusts uniquely to each one of us. Mother Teresa understood this so well: "As I often say to people who tell me they would like to serve the poor as I do, 'What I can do, you cannot; what you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God.'"

As the Church wishes to present Mother Teresa as an icon of the Father's mercy in this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, it is our hope that her words and example will urge all of us to become generous servants and to reflect the "face" of God's mercy to those around us, beginning in our own families. As Mother Teresa's face radiated God's tender and merciful love, so too may we become more and more a reflection of His tender mercy through our loving actions.

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Postulator of Mother Teresa's cause for canonization



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Lord Jesus, merciful Face of the Father, you came to give us the Good News of the Father's mercy and tenderness.

We thank you for the gift of our dearest Mother, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, who will be canonized in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. You chose her to be your presence, your love and compassion to the broken-hearted, the unwanted, the abandoned and the dying. She responded wholeheartedly to your cry, 'I Thirst,' by the holiness of her life and humble works of love to the poorest of the poor. We pray, through her intercession, for the grace to experience your merciful love and share it in our own families, communities and with all our suffering brothers and sisters. Help us to give our "hearts to love and hands to serve"

after the example of Mother Teresa. Lord Jesus, bless every member of our family, our parish, our diocese, our country, especially those most in need, that we all may be transformed by your merciful love. Amen.

ST. MONICA'S CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Contemplative Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory beginning September 20. After listening to a talk on the spiritual journey, we meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us! For information, please contact Audrey Booth through the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPT. 3 TO 11, 2016

Saturday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great

4:00 Franco & Rosolino Sparapani By Teresa Caucci
Pasquale & Rosa Ferrara By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara

Sunday, September 4: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Michael & Colin McGarr and By Anne McGarr & Family
Frances Kenyon
Ramdaye Luthawan By Glen & Mary Smith
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald
Family, Beatrice Gagnon, Deceased members of Cullen Family.

Monday, September 5: Weekday Mass - Labour Day

8:00 Angelarita Serena By Maria Teresa Palucci

Tuesday, September 6: Weekday Mass

8:00 Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By Piccolino Family
Ursula & Jean Lafontaine By Raymond & Family

Wednesday, September 7: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giovanni Pietro, Americo & By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara
Argeo Forlini

Thursday, September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Special Intention for Sergio By Norma & Eduardo

Friday, September 9: St. Peter Claver

8:00 Rosolo Ricci By Ricci Family

Saturday, September 10: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Italo & Anna Mariani, Italo Falcone,
Angelo Caucci, Alessandro Palladini, Leonard & Terry Winslade.

Sunday, September 11: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonietta & Sante La Posta By Concetta La Posta
11:00 Sister-in-law & Brothers-in-law By Berardina Fiori
Vincenzo Salituri By Angela Onesi
Ursula Lafontaine By Peter, Anne & Sarah
Wilkinson

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of August 27/28, 2016 totalled \$2,146.10.

FAITH FIRST CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: we are still accepting registrations until **SEPTEMBER 11 (CLOSING DATE)**

The cost of program is \$100 for one child, \$125 for 2 children, and \$145 for 3 or more. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further info, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at jennie.armstrong@bell.net Registration forms for the 2016 /2017 season are available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND (SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2016)

AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.

LOONIES and SPARE CHANGE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED.

ST. MONICA'S FAITH SHARING GROUPS

This year, our reflections are taken from the books **Traits of a Healthy Spirituality** and **In Steadfast Love** by Melannie Svoboda. Groups meet for 14 sessions throughout the year at convenient weekday or weekend times and locations. To join one of our Faith Sharing groups, and/or to attend our special "Come and See" session on **Saturday, October 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**, please fill out the appropriate registration form at the church entrance. Someone will be available to answer your questions about the program after each Mass on **September 17 and 18**. For more information, please contact Anna at the office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you desire to complete your Sacramental Initiation, enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or just simply know more about our faith, please contact Glenda Cadogan through the parish office. The R.C.I.A. group meets on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory, beginning **September 28**.

Please refer to our website and the posters at Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

FAITH AND LIGHT FUNDRAISING DANCE PARTY

September 10, 6:30 to 11:00 PM

St. John Fisher Parish in Pointe Claire in support of families with members having intellectual disabilities and autism in developing countries.

PLEASE REFER TO BULLETIN BOARDS FOR MORE DETAILS.