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WEEKEND MASS: <u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00pm & <u>SUNDAY</u> 9:00am & <u>11:00am Livestreamed</u>

• WEEKDAY MASS - <u>TUESDAYS</u> TO <u>FRIDAYS</u> - 8:30am – All are Welcome!

• EVENING MASS - THURSDAYS - 7:00pm - All are Welcome!

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<u>DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – SHARE LENT - CARITAS CANADA</u>

Billions of people in the world are being crushed under the weight of ballooning debt! Some countries have to spend more on debt servicing than on health services or education! This debt STIFLES the development of men, women and children and prevents countries from getting crucial funding for climate change mitigation and adaptation resources.

In the year of the Jubilee, Our Holy Father has called on all the Catholic faithful to join in a global effort to promote international debt relief amid the climate crisis.

What countries area affected by debt? What causes international debt? How is Canada involved? What can we do?

Come to St. Monica's <u>Turn Debt into Hope</u> workshop and you will leave with a good understanding of the debt issue and its impact on the countries of the Global South. You will also grow in a better understanding of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada and their partners of the Jubilee 2025.

<u>Turn Debt into Hope</u>; Saturday February 8th: 9:00 am-12:00 pm at St. Monica`s Parish Rectory. Registration required at centresudquebec@devp.org by Thursday Feb 6th. All are welcome!





MARY'S JOURNEY: FROM NAZARETH TO HEAVEN

Mary, the Mother of God, is one of the most revered and beloved figures in Christianity. Her life, though marked by challenges and hardships, is a testament to her unwavering faith and devotion to God. As we reflect on Mary's life, we are inspired by her example and encouraged to deepen our own faith and devotion.

Mary's journey began in Nazareth, a small town in Galilee, where she was born and raised. As a young girl, Mary was devoted to God and spent many hours in prayer and contemplation. It was during this time that the angel Gabriel appeared to her, announcing that she would bear a son, Jesus, who would be the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38).

Mary's response to the angel's announcement is a testament

to her faith and trust in God. Despite the unexpected and extraordinary nature of the event, Mary remained steadfast in her trust in God, saying "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

As Mary journeyed through her life, she faced many challenges and hardships. She had to navigate the complexities of pregnancy and childbirth as a virgin, and she had to endure the skepticism and criticism of those who did not believe her story. Despite these challenges, Mary remained faithful and devoted to God, trusting in His providence and care.

Mary's journey also took her to Bethlehem, where she gave birth to Jesus in a humble manger (Luke 2:1-20). She journeyed to Egypt with Joseph and Jesus, fleeing from the persecution of King Herod (Matthew 2:13-15). She journeyed to Jerusalem, where she presented Jesus in the temple and encountered the prophet Simeon, who recognized Jesus as the Messiah (Luke 2:22-38).

Throughout her journey, Mary remained faithful and devoted to God, trusting in His providence and care. She was a woman of great faith and courage, who was willing to take risks and face challenges for the sake of her son and her God.

Mary's journey ultimately took her to heaven, where she was assumed into eternal life and crowned as the Queen of Heaven (Revelation 12:1-6). Her journey is a testament to her faith and devotion, and it serves as a model for our own journey of faith.

As we reflect on Mary's journey, we are inspired to deepen our own faith and devotion. We are encouraged to trust in God's providence and care, even in the midst of challenges and hardships. We are invited to cultivate a deeper sense of reverence and awe for God's majesty and power. And we are reminded that our own journey of faith is not just about our own individual experiences, but about our participation in the larger story of God's salvation.



THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED FOR CANADA IN ST. MONICA'S CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 8TH AT 12 NOON. Please use the side door entrance facing the Rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 1 - 9, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 1, 2025: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Ernesta Ciampini Maria Pisaturo

Francisca, Florenio & Sherly Aquino

Mr. & Mrs. Belanger

Mr. & Mrs. Polanger

Albert, Rose Aimëe Caron & Elsa Belanger Mr. & Mrs. Belanger

Sunday, 9:00am - February 2, 2025: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Living – Personal Intention Raymond & Hilary Jack Family

Sunday, 11:00am – February 2, 2025: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Maria Teresa Palucci Luisa & Angelo Falcone

Olga & Mario Cappello Anna Cappello Anna Cappello Anna Cappello

Tuesday, 8:30am – February 4, 2025: Weekday

Living – Jennifer Lee Stella & Gil Lee

Wednesday, 8:30am - February 5, 2025: MEMORIAL - St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella Family

Thursday – 8:30am – February 6, 2025: MEMORIAL – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Emma Colombo Salvati Salvati Family
Cosmo Maiolo Maria Ienco

Living – Personal Intention – Raymond & Hilary Jack Family

Friday, 8:30am – February 7, 2025: Weekday

Michael Turner Salvati Family

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 8, 2025: 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 9:00am - February 9, 2025: 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Arnaldo Guaiani Luisa & Angelo Falcone

Paola & Giuseppe Pendenza Anna Cappello

Giacomo Fiori Wife Berardina & Family

Sunday, 11:00am – February 9, 2025: 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli Gino & Family

John Bellini The Supino Fmaily

Filomena Di Lella Pamela & Edmond Piro