PILGRIMAGE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: ROME, ASSISI, AND THE SHRINES OF ITALY

One of the ways in which we are invited to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy is through the experience of *pilgrimage*. "The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and we are all pilgrims travelling along the road, making our way to a desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door – in Rome, or in any other place in the world – everyone, each according to their ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This is a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach, and that it requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us." (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus* #14)

This year, from **October 4-14, 2016**, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Pastor of St. Monica's Parish, will be leading a Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Rome and the Shrines of Italy. This pilgrimage will include a papal audience in St. Peter's Square, guided tours of Rome's four major basilicas and the Vatican Museums, and destinations including Assisi, Florence, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Pompeii, and Monte Cassino. If you want to learn more about this unique opportunity, please join us for a special travel presentation to be held at St. Monica's Parish Hall (6405 Terrebonne) on **Tuesday, March 1**st at 7:00 p.m. For more information, or to register for the presentation, please contact Antoinette Mercurio from Caleche Travel: (514) 266-3134 or nan@caleche.net.

ST. MONICA'S PARISH
JUBILEE YEAR ILGRIMAGE
ROME AND THE SHRINES OF ITALY
October 4-14, 2016
LED BY FR. RAYMOND LAFONTAINE

SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION: TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. St. Monica's Parish: 6405 de Terrebonne, Montreal Registration/ Information: Antoinette Mercurio, Caleche Travel (514) 266-3134 OR nan@caleche.net



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE IS HELPING TO CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE in Haiti where they are funding Adonis Medjine's project of raising chickens which allows her to care for her family and send her children to school. In Paraguay where 1% of the people own 77% of the land, D & P is helping Liz Benitez, who is part of a peasant movement, to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country. In Indonesia Mopurto, who suffers from mental illness, with the support of D & P has been able to rebuild a house in a community that is coming together to give him and his family the support they need to cope.

ST. MONICA'S PARISH RECONCILATION SERVICE TUESDAY, MARCH $8^{\rm TH}$ FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M. PART OF THE "LENTEN PARISH MISSION" MARCH 7, 8 & 9, 2016 * JOIN US!

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 20 TO 28, 2016

Saturday, February 20: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Terzo & Theresa Zanca By the Family
Pacifico Villanueva By Faith First
The Caucci & Sparapani By Teresa Caucci

Sunday, February 21: Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Julian Rooney, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati, Pietro Di Meglio.

11:00 Michael Collins By Faith First

Maria Cardilli By Maria Sparapani

Giovanni & Donata Ricciardi By Maria Carmela Ricciardi

Monday, February 22: Chair of St. Peter

8:00 Restituta La Posta By Mary & Gemma La Posta

Tuesday, February 23: St. Polycarp

8:00 Erminia Buonamici Ciccarelli By Elizabeth Campanelli

Wednesday, February 24: Weekday Mass

3:00 Emilia & Francesco Ciampini By Ernesta Ciampini

Derek Menezes By his Wife

Thursday, February 25: Weekday Mass

8:00 Marlo Raquepo By Linda Wylie & Family

Friday, February 26: Weekday Mass

8:00 Franco Spurio By his wife Ioland

Saturday, February 27: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Fioravante Rotiroti By Rotiroti Family

Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei

Antonio & Domenica Poliziani By Marie De Ciccio

Sunday, February 28: Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 Cesare & Violante Camaiani By Piccolino Family

Antonietta & Biagio Libertini By Luisa & Angelo Falcon Giulio Salvati By Rosa & Luigi Salvati

11:00 In Loving Memory: Rinaldo Caucci, Aline Allard Liautaud.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of February 13/14, 2016 totalled \$2,415.15

2016 Lenten Prayer and Reflection Booklets

There are still a few copies of the 2016 Lenten Prayer and Reflection Booklets available for you to purchase at the main entrance of the church. All editions are now priced at \$1.00 each. Please put your payment in the Payment Box.

ST. MONICA'S MENTORSHIP MINISTRY

"How Do I Know If I Want To Be a Mentor?" come for an Informational / Discernment gathering on Sunday, February 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Message for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

We ask that all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, when arriving at your scheduled Mass on Saturday or Sunday, **please report to your Mass Coordinator/s as soon as your arrive**. This will hopefully allow enough time for the coordinator to be able to find replacement/s for anyone missing. Thank you for your cooperation.

DONATION BOX USERS * PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2015 TAX RECEIPT FOR DONATIONS. RECEIPTS ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS Video Divina

Join Fr. Raymond for **The Long Walk Home**, the fifth film of this year's "Movies with a Mission" series, this coming **Friday**, **February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

St. Monica's Lenten Parish Mission

Rich in Mercy: The Gift of Forgiveness - "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!" NOT "Lord forgive us, Christ forgive us, Lord forgive us!" It is rare that we know that we are forgiven before we ask! That is God's approach to our failures. How are we able to include this wonderful gift in our daily lives? Come, and together let us find the answer to this question with Fr. Mike Shaw, who will lead us over three evenings, from Monday, March 7 to Wednesday, March 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.! Fr. Mike will introduce the Mission at all the Weekend Masses of March 5 and **6**. All are welcome!

NOTE: Samia Boghdady, of Theologia Book Ministry, will be at St. Monica's from March 5th to March 7th with a wonderful selection of books and other media for you to purchase. Stop by her display to see what treasures might be waiting for you!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information.

FAIR TRADE ON SALE
THIS WEEKEND
LOONIES AND SPARE
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