

## IN OUR PARISH

### ***“Be My Disciples” 2015-16 Registration***

The deadline for registration in Be My Disciples faith education program for children has arrived. If you have not already done so, please complete your registration as soon as possible. Forms for new and returning students are available at the back of the church or can be obtained by contacting Linda Wiltshire, Pastoral Associate by email: wiltshirecl@msn.com or by phone 514-932-3131 (Mon & Thurs) The Parents Meeting and training session for the new families is this **Monday, September 28th at 7pm in the Parish Room.**

### ***Parish Choir***

Our parish choir is seeking new members. The choir sings at Sunday Mass from mid-September to mid-June and rehearses each Thursday night. If you have an appreciation of the rich choral music of the Church and have a basic singing ability, you are warmly invited to join us. An ability to read music is an asset, but not required. Please contact the Music Director, David Szanto at (514) 899-0548 or davidszant@hotmail.com.

### ***Meals on Wheels***

Currently seeking volunteers to be “lead” cooks to plan menus, provide shopping lists & organise the other helpers who prepare meals for 20 + people, Fridays starting this fall until June & Tuesdays starting in January. The meals are prepared at the Greene Ave center. The time commitment is 2½ hrs: 8:00 am – 10:30 am. Volunteers are scheduled once or twice a month depending on their availability. In addition, we are seeking Volunteers to shop for the cooks as well as to deliver, drive and help the cook. For more information please contact Frances de Verteuil 514-937-3317 or fdev@primus.ca

### ***You are not forgotten***

If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

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## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: RESPONSE TO THE SYRIAN CRISIS**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is mobilizing to respond to the growing refugee crisis that is currently affecting Europe and the Middle East. Funds collected will go towards humanitarian aid for Syrians living through the suffering of war and those who have fled to other countries, including Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey who are hosting the vast majority of Syrian refugees. **Donations will be matched by the Canadian government until December 31st, 2015.**

Donations can be made directly to Development and Peace by telephone (1-888 664-3387), online at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or by cheque. An **income tax receipt** will automatically be sent to *your e-mail address* for a one-time donation. In the case of a monthly donation, a receipt for the sum of your donations during the year will be mailed to you in February of next year. Donations by cheque can also be left with the parish and we will forward them to D & P.

## RESPONDING TO THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS ~ HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **Refugees: Message from the Archbishop**

2015-09-16

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Mt 25:35)*

Dear Sister, Dear Brother,

The Catholic Church of Montreal, like other Church and civil groups, is deeply concerned about the abominable living conditions that tens of thousands of refugees are being subjected to in the Middle East. Two courses of action have become apparent: to help as many people as possible in the Middle East, preventing their uprooting; and to welcome refugees. We are called to help in these two ways at the same time. We turn our attention for a moment from helping people already here to the need to take action today in bringing in refugees. In fact, over the past few weeks, the Archdiocese has been receiving a high volume of calls from people residing within diocesan territory who would like to bring over members of their family who have had to escape the deadly conflict in Syria.

Our diocesan Church has many years of experience in welcoming and sponsoring refugees. As early as the late seventies and early eighties, the governments approached us, asking us to welcome and help settle the "boat people" who had fled Southeast Asia. For several years, the Archdiocese has been a signatory to a framework agreement with the Government of Quebec to facilitate refugee sponsorship. The Archdiocese acts as a guarantor for people, groups, and parishes that wish to bring over a refugee family and provides support with the procedure and paperwork involved in sponsorship. As these families, groups, and parishes commit to providing for the essential needs of the sponsored family for one year (housing, furniture, food, and clothing), the Archdiocese requires them to pay a deposit of \$7000 per adult that is welcomed onto the diocesan territory. Monthly payments from this sum are then made to the sponsored person or family during the first year following their arrival.

Some groups and people would like to sponsor a refugee family, but do not have the means to gather the necessary funds. We can put them in touch with a parish that would accept to participate in the sponsorship. Furthermore, I propose to create a supplemental refugee aid fund. The funds raised will be devoted entirely to sponsorship under the coordination of the Office of Cultural and Ritual Communities, which is responsible for the sponsorship program<sup>1</sup>, in collaboration with the diocesan administrative and financial services<sup>2</sup>. I invite you to contribute to the supplemental fund in the name of compassion and solidarity in this Year of Mercy. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph sought refuge in Egypt, and Jesus himself identified with refugees and declared, *I was a stranger and you welcomed me...* (Mt 25:35). Jesus had faith. + *Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal*

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2015

### IN THE DIOCESE

#### **September 26-27: Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada**

This year Collection is being held while a number of families from Canada are participating to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, in response to an invitation from Pope Francis. In addition, the General Synod of Bishops on the family will soon begin. "This twofold coincidence reminds us of the importance of families as part of the Church's mission and as part of the work of the national conference and the regional assemblies. The Church's commitment to families is one more reason why all the faithful in our country will want to ensure the collection's success through their generosity and solidarity," (CCCB President, Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau) *For those who use parish envelopes, one was included in your package for this year, however, was dated September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

#### **Living the Discerning Life**

With Paul Empsall and Louise Eberwein. Thursday evenings beginning September 24 at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Montreal. This course explores St. Ignatius' practical guidelines for the discernment of spirits, showing their profound insight into the human soul and the spiritual life. The second hour of each evening will be a guided discussion of ways in which this teaching has concrete application to our own daily lives. Cost: \$75 (book and study guide included). For further information: Call Louise Eberwein (514-825-5198) or Paul Empsall (514-626-9462). To register, contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064.

#### **In the Heart of the World**

St. Monica's Parish - (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca)) An invitation in the midst of our busy lives to reflect on our vocation as Christian women and men to be Church on mission in our milieu led by Sr. Marie Azzarello, CND. We will take time to ponder how, like Jesus, we are called to be bearers of mercy. Five weekly sessions, **Tuesday afternoons, September 29 to October 27** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the parish rectory. Cost: contribution of \$15. For information contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or at [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca).

#### **Laudato Si' On the Care of Our Common Home**

Reflection and discussion on the latest encyclical by Pope Francis. Afternoon sessions begin Monday, October 5, 1:15-3:15pm at the Congregation of Notre-Dame Residence (1450 de Seve St., Ville-Émard). Evening sessions from 7:15pm-9:15pm at the CND Mother House (2330 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). Specific dates: **Mondays October 5, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.** Book costs \$15. A free will offering will be accepted. Contact Sr. Kay Duffin, CND at 514-762-1844 or [kayduffin2@gmail.com](mailto:kayduffin2@gmail.com).

#### **St Gabriel Parish Annual Fall Bazaar**

All are welcome on **Saturday, October 3** from 9am-4pm (2157 Centre St., Montreal). A variety of booths, antiques and jewelry, books and games, baked goods, new and almost-new clothing, Christmas ornaments, children's fish pond and lots of prizes to be won. Light lunch and snacks, and fun for the whole family. We need items to sell at modest prices. Everything helps. Donations are accepted daily. Contact the office at 514-937-3597.

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### **Saturday, September 26th 2015**

St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues  
(Rev 7:9-17; 2 Cor 4:7-15, Luke 9:23-26)  
5:00 Louise DeHeinrick  
by Mary Lou & Antonio Sacconaghi

#### **Sunday, September 27th 2015**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Num 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 47-48)  
10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson  
by Ann & Louis Mallette

#### **Monday, September 28th 2015**

St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions  
(Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50)  
9:00 Gail Watson by Dr. Gaston & Maria Schwarz

#### **Tuesday, September 29th 2015**

St. Michael, St Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels  
(Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47-51)  
9:00 John O'Mara by Tim Burke

#### **Wednesday, September 30th 2015**

St. Jerome  
(Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62)  
9:00 Gail Watson by Dr. Gaston & Maria Schwarz

#### **Thursday, October 1st 2015 No Mass**

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
(Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 10:1-12)

#### **Friday, October 2nd 2015**

The Holy Guardian Angels  
(Exodus 23:20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10)  
9:00 Pauline Grant Roche,  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death by the Parish

#### **Saturday, October 3rd 2015**

(Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24)  
5:00 Ferenc Zupka by Anna Lengyel

## 27th September 2015

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6:00 PM  
**Christian Meditation**  
in the Choir room.  
For information call 514-931-5536  
7:00PM

**"Be My Disciples" Parents' Meeting**  
in the Parish Room

THURSDAY 7:30 PM  
**Choir Practice** in the Choir Room

SATURDAY 3:30PM  
**"Be My Disciples"**  
**Children's Gathering &  
Family Mass (5:00 PM)**

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#### **Change in Mass Hours**

*Please note that the hours of **weekday Masses** have changed as follows:*  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00am.**  
*There is no longer by a 5:00 Mass on Tuesday nor a Mass on Thursdays.*

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#### **Parish Donations**

Did you know that parish donations can be made ONLINE through **CanadaHelps**. The process is simple & you receive your Tax e-receipt immediately. Donations may be made using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal or Interact. Go to the parish website ([www.ascensionofourlord.ca](http://www.ascensionofourlord.ca)) and click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions. Thank you for your generosity.