

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 19th

St. Januarius

4:30 Luisita Botello by the Family

11:00 *First Communion Mass*

Sunday, September 20th

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Margaret Keough by her daughter Gina Steszyn

Monday, September 21st

St. Matthew, apostle

Tuesday, September 22nd

Wednesday, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Thursday, September 24th ***No Mass***

Blessed Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin

Friday, September 25th

St. Cosmas and St. Damian

9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins and Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

Saturday, September 26th

St. John de Brébeuf, S. Isaac Jogues and Companions

430 Louise de Heinrich by MaryLou and Antonio Sacconaghi

***This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Antonio Diokno by the Family***

REFLECTION

Deserving our rights

We often say that people don't deserve welfare or food if they don't work. We can be stingy in judging what others deserve and need.

Jesus has a new way. We deserve our rights even when we do the least. The denarius was a day's wage, enough to live on. There are certain rights we all have – to have food and a job are two of them. These people wanted to work. We are rewarded by God for who we are, not for what we do.

Jesus' vision is that everyone deserves to earn enough to live on.

To believe in a God who is an unconditional Friend, is to have the most liberating experience that one could imagine. On the contrary, to live in the presence of an avenging and threatening God could change us into the most dangerous and self-destructive neurotics. We need to learn not to confuse God with our own narrow and stingy plans. We sometimes wish to distort God's unfathomable goodness.

That's the way the kingdom of God grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Success for Jesus is not the amount we do, but that we do things with a full heart.

Recall the picture of a dole queue or a provision centre and pray.

Lord, may all I do this day and week begin with your inspiration and end with your pleasure. Amen.

Fr Donal Neary, S.J www.messenger.ie/bookshop

Celebrating First Communion

This **Saturday September 19th** 15 children from our Parish are celebrating their First Holy Communion at a special 11am Mass. Guided by their parents and with the support of volunteer catechists they have grown in their love for God and understanding of our Catholic faith.

Leila Argento

Sofia Borsellino-Puccio

Gabriel Coblenz-Soares

Lucas Coblenz-Soares

Fabiana D'Andrea

Olivia Iaizzo

Gabriel Dopp

Angele Dopp

Lucas Jans

Asha Ni'Ogain

Anthony Qu

Melissa Remai

Alessandro Stasi

Bianca Vitale

Emily Zegarelli

*May they always be blessed with the peace of Jesus,
the light of his love and the joy of his life within them.*

Loyola High School Virtual Open House

Loyola High School will be hosting a Virtual Open House for all prospective students on **Saturday, September 26th, 2020 at 1p.m.** Please join us to learn more about Loyola and our dedication to forming each student's intellectual, personal, and spiritual growth. Loyola High School, founded in 1896, is a Catholic, Jesuit, all-boys university preparatory school in Montreal. Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit www.loyola.ca/admissions.

SEASON OF CREATION

The season is observed annually, and runs from September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and through to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, who is the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. The theme of this year's celebration is Jubilee for the Earth.

This season is a special time for the Creator and each other. Some of us pray, some of us do hands-on projects, some of us advocate. We all protect creation. The momentum continues long after the season ends. By seeding ongoing prayer, changes in lifestyle, and advocacy, the season grows hope in our communities each year. It's powerfully good work that's urgently needed!

Excerpt from joint statement issued by the presidents of The Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE) and the Conference of European Churches (CEC):

"This year, the COVID-19 pandemic revealed how deeply the globe is interconnected. We realised more than ever that we are not isolated from each other and that conditions related to human health and well-being are fragile. Impact of the pandemic forces us to take seriously the need for vigilance and the need for conditions of sustainable life throughout the earth. This is even more important when considering the environmental devastation and the threat of climate change."

For more information and ways to observe this season, please visit www.SeasonofCreation.org

Donations to Lebanon

If you have not already done so and wish to make a donation to assist those affected by the horrendous explosion in Beirut, you can make an online donation directly to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, at <https://www.devp.org/en> As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace will be participating in the matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon.

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