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| **The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception celebrated on December 8th.****“BLESSINGS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON”****“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID** **A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD”****LUKE 2:11****Today, we light the white candle on the advent wreath also known as the “Christ’s Candle” it represents “light and purity.”** |
| **THOUGHT OF THE DAY:****“Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas”** **Peg Bracken** |
| **POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2022:****VOLUNTEER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** **“We pray that volunteer not-for-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.”** |
| **REMINDER: Please note if you have a church support envelope and have not completed a Parish Register Form, an income Tax receipt for 2022 can not be issued. We require your address. Thank you!** |
| **The Grapevine is a good informative weekly Newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening within and around our communities.****thegrapevine@diocesemontreal.org** |
| **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please sit in the pews with yellow tape.****Please keep social distance when you are receiving communion.****Please use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the church.** **Thank you!** |
| **REMINDER: There is no Christmas Day Mass at 11 am on December 25th, 2022. There will be an 11 am Mass on January 1st, 2023.****Fr. Raymond’s Christmas greetings is an insert with today’s bulletin.** |
| **Pope’s Christmas Message:****Dear brothers and sister’s,****“I wish you a Happy Christmas, a Christmas rich in Surprises of Jesus. They may seem to be uncomfortable Surprises, but they are God’s tastes. If we espouse them, we offer ourselves a splendid Surprise. Each one of us has concealed in his heart the capacity to Surprise.****Let us allow ourselves to be Surprised by Jesus this Christmas.”****† Francis** |
|  **SUNDAY COLLECTION** |
| **December 18th, 2022** | **Amount in CAD** |
| **Church Support Envelopes** | **$250.00** |
| **Basket** | **$64.95** |
| **Christmas Flowers** | **$87.00** |
| **Masses** | **$30.00** |
| **Charities** | **$10.00** |
| **Honorarium** | **(minus) $5.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$436.95** |
| **Thank you for your generosity!** **Please remember to write your name on your church support envelope.** |

 **Please turn off cell phones.**

 **PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

**THIS CHURCH MAY BE USED AS A RESTING VISITATION LOCALE FOR YOUR DEARLY**

 **DEPARTED.**

**IF YOU DESIRE THIS SERVICE, PLEASE CALL 514-769-2717**

**“Prayer makes us understand our vulnerability”, but the Lord “gives us strength and closeness”**

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| **MASS INTENTIONS** |
| **December 24th, 2022****KATHLEEN SENCHEY** **Req’d by Raymond Senchey****THE HAINEY FAMILY** **Req’d by Ada Hainey****DIEGO HANDINERO** **Req’d by The Piccioni Family****VICTOR AND JAYNE TUCCI** **Req’d by FR. V. Tucci****BLESSINGS RECEIVED AND THE GIFT OF HEALING****Req’d by The Handinero Family** | **January 1st, 2023****THE PARISHIONERS OF HOLY CROSS** |

**Pope Francis**

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“The cross stands before us in these days as an eloquent symbol of God’s love for humanity.”

John Paul II

\*9am mass is cancelled until further notice