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| **Pastoral Staff**  **Fr. Raymond LaFontaine E.V.**  **Parochial Administrator**  **Parish Wardens**  **James Potter**  **514-733-7016** | Holy Cross Parish  **1960 Jolicoeur street**  **Montreal, Quebec H4E 1X5**  **TEL.: 514-769-2717; FAX: 514-769-8852**  **Email:** [**holycross.montreal60@gmail.com**](mailto:holycross.montreal60@gmail.com)  **Parish Office Hours**  **Wednesdays** | | **Parish Wardens**  **Norlita Galdones**  **514-733-7016**  **Teresa Gomes**  **514-291-2591**  **Ruby Johnson**  **514-761-3242** |
| **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**](mailto: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