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| **The saint for Sunday December 3rd, 2023 is St Francis Xavier.****The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.****December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent.**  |
| **Advent is a time of joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.****The first candle on the Advent wreath represents hope. The first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrates the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. It is purple the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty.****Sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle”, the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s foretelling of the birth of Christ and all the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Christ.** |
| **THOUGHT OF THE DAY:****“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”****Pope Francis** |
| **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** |
| **POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023:****FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:****“We pray that people living with disabilities: May they be at the center of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation..”**  |
| **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** **Please sit in the pews with blue tape.****Please keep social distance when you are receiving communion.****Please use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the church. Thank you!** |
| **REMINDER:****“CELEBRATE OUR LORD”****Please join us at 8:00PM on Sundays at ST. WILLIBRORD PARISH****351 WILLIBRORD ST****VERDUN, QC.** | **NOTE:****Parish support envelopes for the year 2024-2025 are available at the back of the church.****Thank you!** |
| **Sunday Missals will be sold after mass starting December 3rd, 2023.****The price is $7.00. Exact change is required please!** |
|  **SUNDAY COLLECTION** |
| **November 26th, 2023** | **Amount in CAD** |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 816.55** |
| **Thank you for your generosity!** **Please remember to write your name on your church support envelope.** |

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

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| **MASS INTENTIONS** |
| **December 3rd, 2023****KATHLEEN SENCHEY****Req’d by Ray Senchey****RAYMONDE FOURNIER****Req’d by The Fournier Family** | **December 10th, 2023****RAYMONDE FOURNIER****Req’d by The Fournier Family** |

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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