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| **The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph; Celebrated on March 19th, 2023.**  **The saint for March 26th, is Saint Philip Neri**  **Sunday March 26th, 2023 is the Fifth Sunday of Lent.** | | | |
| **WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT:**  **Give up complaining… Focus on gratitude.**  **Give up pessimism… Become an optimist.**  **Give up worry… Trust divine providence.**  **Give up bitterness… Turn to forgiveness.**  **Give up hatred… Return good for evil.**  **Give up negativism… Be positive.**  **Give up anger… Be more patient.** | | **WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT:**  **Give up pettiness… Become mature.**  **Give up gloom… Enjoy the beauty all around you.**  **Give up jealousy… Pray for trust.**  **Give up gossiping… Control your tongue.**  **Give up sin… Turn to virtue.**  **Give up giving up… Hang in there!** | |
| **HOW TO CELEBRATE LENT THIS YEAR:**   * **Participate in the sacraments** * **Help those in need** * **Sacrifice something that is hard for you** | | | |
| **THOUGHT OF THE DAY:**  **“Lent is a new beginning; a path leading to certain goals; Easter, Christ’s victory over death.”**  **Pope Francis** | | | |
| **POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2023:**  **FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE**  **“We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering”** | | | |
| **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 blue tape.**  **Please keep social distance when you are receiving communion.**  **Please use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the church. Thank you!** | | | |
| **WHAT’S HAPENNING: “THE CHOSEN”**  **Fr Raymond is hosting ZOOM sessions to discuss this series.**  **It gives the New Testament a human feel for us to understand.**  **The sessions will be on Friday evenings from 7:00PM-9:3PM on March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. If you would like to participate contact:**  **parishvitality@diocesemontreal.org** | | | |
| **Save the date: Blood Drive / Friday April 7th, 2023**  **Honorary Chairperson/Mgr. Christian Lepine**  **By Appointment: hema-quebec.qc.ca Mary Queen of The World Cathedral**  **1(800) 343-7264 1100 Mansfield**  **Montreal, Quebec**  **Location: Basement** | | | |
| **DON’T FORGET: “The Last Sunday Mass”**  **Welcomes you to celebrate the Eucharist this Lenten season.**  **8:00PM / ST Willibrord’s Parish**  **351 Wlillibrord, Verdun, H4G 2T7** | | | |
| **SUNDAY COLLECTION** | | | |
| **March 19th, 2023** | | **Amount in CAD** | |
| **TOTAL** | | **$394.00** | |
| **Thank you for your generosity!**  **Please remember to write your name on your church support envelope.** | | | |

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**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** | |
| **March 26th, 2023**  **KATHLEEN SENCHEY**  **Req’d by The Senchey Family**  **JOHN CORSTON**  **Req’d by James Potter** | **April 2nd, 2023**  **MARGARET STREDDER**  **Req’d by Linda Susan Waters** |
| **PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 2ND, 2023 - 11:00AM**  **HOLY WEEK IS APRIL 2ND - APRIL 8TH, 2023**  **HOLY THURSDAY IS APRIL 6TH, 2023 - 7:30PM**  **GOOD FRIDAY IS APRIL 7TH, 2023 - 3:00PM**  **EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 9TH, 2023 - 11:00AM** | |

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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