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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**
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| **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** |
| **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.** |

 **PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES**

 **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** |
| **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