

World Day of the Sick 2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, February 8th

Our diocesan celebration of World Day of the Sick will take place at St Isaac Jogues Parish (1335 Chabanel) from 9:00a.m.- 2:00p.m. with Lauds, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Sick. Mass at 12:00 will be presided by Msgr. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal. Lunch of bread and soup to follow! If you cannot attend, please send your prayer intentions!

We have reserved the New Hope/Fr Dowd Minibus and will have a shuttle from Cremazie metro. To reserve your spot call 514-272-4441

Saturday, February 29th

Day of Prayer to Divine Mercy (9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.) For more details see:

<https://www.groupeactionmisericordie.com/en>

Monday, March 2, 2020

Widow(er)'s Support Group at 9:30 a.m. at St Edmund of Canterbury Parish. All are welcome.

Save the Date!

Ongoing formation opportunity for Pastoral Home Care Visitors:
'Accompaniment of people from different faith traditions'

Thursday, April 23rd 7:00-9:00p.m.

Place: TBD



As we approach the 28th celebration of World Day of the Sick, we keep in our hearts the words of Pope Francis in his letter for this occasion:

"Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired.

On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love." (Read the full text here: <https://tinyurl.com/ukbur4k>)

As Pastoral Home Care/SASMAD visitors, we can look upon those we visit with this same gaze, a gaze of love and respect for each person in their vulnerability. May we be strengthened by the prayers of the whole community as we gather to pray for those we visit, those that are isolated that we do not know to visit and all those struggling with illness and aging. Thank you for your heart for this ministry and your faithfulness in visiting, even when it is not easy. We are so grateful for YOU!

Family News

Francine Beaufilet, our Coordinator in Laval- Repentigny has recently been hired in a full-time capacity! Congratulations, Francine!

On January 16th we had a wonderful meeting of the English, French and Spanish speaking visitors at St. Luke's and Jesus Light of the World Parishes. About twenty of us gathered for a potluck meal, prayer, sharing of our experiences and ideas for the future. An informal sharing group will be held in February as a follow up.

Bérénice Acosta, our faithful SASMAD administrative assistant has been working hard on improving our online presence on social media as well as through a new website- coming soon!

On April 23rd there will be an ongoing formation opportunity (in English). More and more of our requests are to walk with those who are not Catholic. How do we do this effectively? Mark your calendars now to be part of the discussion! Details to come.

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