

Happy New Year- 2020!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, January 16th

St Richard's Team meeting at
9:30a.m. in the Church Hall

Team gathering of English, French
 and Spanish visitors from St. Luke
 and Jesus Light of the World
 parishes. Potluck dinner at **5:30**
 until **9:00 pm.** RSVP at 514-925-
 4300 ext. 354

Monday, February 3rd

Support group for Widows/
 Widowers at St Edmund of
 Canterbury Parish 9:30- 11:00 a.m.
 (Fr. McEntee room)

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.
 Volunteers are needed for various
 roles throughout the day. Please
 contact Cathie if you are interested
 in helping.

Hope you can come!

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You may need to re-do your police
 check if yours was done more than
 three years ago. So simple the
 second time around! Contact
 Cathie or your coordinator to
 check if yours is up for renewal.

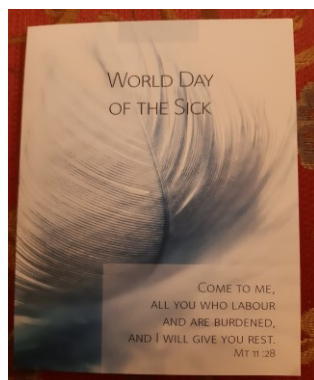
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On behalf of all the SASMAD Team, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy 2020. May God bless you and the ministry that you do abundantly!

Our first event of 2020 is our annual World Day of the Sick celebration that will take place Saturday, February 8th from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together to pray together with and for those who are sick. Opportunities to receive the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will be available. Eucharist will take place at noon followed by a simple meal.

Our lovely **World Day of the Sick Cards** (designed by Pastoral Home Care/SASMAD visitor Tony Rettino, Prayer by Sr. Madeleine St Michel, founder of SASMAD) are available to be shared with those you visit, parishes and seniors' residences. Please contact your PHC Coordinator to get yours free of charge. (Available in French and English).

Interested in reading or sharing Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Sick 2020? Here is the Vatican document: <https://tinyurl.com/ukbur4k>



"Come to me all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" Mt 11:28

Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. Pope Francis

Friends of Mercy

Arlene Provotiaux, our coordinator for Friends of Mercy, has been promoting this prayer ministry in the English parishes. Many have been touched to know they are being prayed for by so many prayer warriors. Thanks, Arlene!

If you would like to participate in the Friends of Mercy contact Arlene at:

arlene2155@videotron.ca

Are you planning a parish celebration of World Day of the Sick or a Mass of Anointing? We can send you a free planning resource!

Did you know that 26 new SASMAD visitors were trained in December? Congratulations to our newcomers- welcome to the SASMAD family!

Are you up to date with your **VISIT REPORTS**? You can log in at: <https://www.bishopdowd.net/sasmad/>

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