

World Day of the Sick 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, February 6

The Loss of Spouse Support Group meet on Zoom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

We have occasional coffee meet-ups during the year as well. To receive notices and the Zoom link please e-mail: LossSpouseSupport@gmail.com

Many thanks to all who attended our first **CONNECT AND GROW** meeting for all volunteers. What a rich discussion we had sharing the fruits and challenges of our ministry! Please save the date for our next meeting which will take place online on Monday, March 20th from 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

As a follow up to the discussion of MAID and Palliative Care, you might be interested in viewing *Horizons of Hope* a training program for Catholic parishes put together by the CCCB. It available for viewing [here](#).

A weekend retreat for caregivers as well as a retreat for those who are **grieving** are being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal. For more information [consult their website](#).

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for this year's **31st celebration of World Day of the Sick** these words: *"Take care of him"*. These instructions given to the innkeeper by the Good Samaritan invite us to *"go and do likewise"* with those we visit and those most vulnerable in our families and in our communities.

You are encouraged to read the full letter from the Pope here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>

Our SASMAD community and the Archdiocese of Montreal will celebrate World Day of the Sick on **Saturday, February 11th**. All those interested in praying together are invited to join us at St. Isaac-Jogues Parish at 1335 rue Chabanel E. (a minibus/shuttle will be available from Sauvé metro, on Berri St. from 9-10 a.m. and then again at the end of the day).

Those who are unable to come in person are welcome to join virtually on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEo8jC5izKQ> or on Zoom : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84772109016?pwd=MINWUTJwZjUvL3hQVkr2VGJET0dUQT09#success>.

Unfortunately, as the Vatican theme was released very late in the planning stages, we are unable to offer our celebration cards this year.

If you would like to submit a prayer request, you are welcome to do so by visiting our SASMAD website at:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/sasmad/en/wds-2023/>

Your intentions will be printed and added to the prayer basket at the celebration of Mass.

Here is a schedule of events: *(This celebration will be bilingual.)*

10:00 a.m. Recitation of the Rosary

10:45-11:45 a.m. Adoration; Opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation.

12:00 Mass for World Day of the Sick, presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine

1:00 p.m. Soup and Fellowship

Let us pray ... for the sick, the elderly, the isolated, the suffering,... for employees who do not have good working conditions, ... for people who have left their jobs in health care or who are thinking of doing so ... for doctors, specialists, nurses, attendants, ambulance drivers, ... for decision-makers: ministers, administrators and politicians... for our SASMAD ministry and the SASMAD family.

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