

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH BULLETIN MARCH 23RD, 2025

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

PRAYER INTENTIONS –Please pray for the souls of all our deceased. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers.
To add a name to our prayer list please leave a message at 450-671-6149.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH - For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 23 Mary McArán
March 30 Maria Desilets



Collection	\$ 515.00	Y.T.D. \$ 7,849.14
Building & Maintenance	\$ 20.00	Y.T.D. \$ 985.00
Heritage/Roof Fund	\$ 140.00	T.D. \$ 79,300.16 (Target \$110,000.00)

Thank you for your contributions!

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in the hall after Mass and sign up on the schedule if you are able to help out.

FAMILY MASS - PALM SUNDAY 13 APRIL, PRACTICE - SUNDAY 6 APRIL: St. Francis is happy to announce that we will have a special Family Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13th. All the children are invited to help distribute the palms to everyone and to join the choir in singing and in playing various simple instruments. There will also be short reading parts for the older children. To prepare, we will have a practice the Sunday prior, on April 6th : the practice with the choir will be after mass and the practice for Readers will be during the 1st part of mass at Children's Liturgy downstairs. Hoping to see you all. Thank you.

LENTEN PRAYER - Third Sunday of Lent

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 103:8

Pray: Pray for the grace to recognize how you have not been gracious towards creation.

Fast: Fast from one action that harms creation.

Give: Make an effort to avoid buying "fast fashion" or single-use items, and consider purchasing environmentally friendly products.

BAKE SALE ☞ THANK YOU to everyone who contributed by baking, decorating & buying! There are still some delicious treats left, they will be available at coffee hour this Sunday March 23rd. Freewill contributions are welcome in the donation jar. Any leftovers will be delivered to a shelter in Longueuil. Next week we will announce the grand total raised for our Building & Maintenance Fund - stay tuned!

HYMN FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE - PILGRIMS OF HOPE As you know, the choir is learning this song in different languages. See us learning the refrain in Italian, Tagalog and Polish in this video: <https://youtu.be/WUtalM6lnlw>
Thank you so much to our teachers Sonia, Anna and Lucyna! This Sunday, March 23rd, we will sing it together in Italian:

**Fiamma viva della mia speranza
questo canto giunga fino a Te!
Grembo eterno d'infinita vita
nel cammino io confido in Te.**

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS: We will be holding a book sale in the spring, if you have books that you would like to donate please bring them to the church any Sunday and leave them outside the flower room downstairs. Closer to the date we will arrange to pick books up for anyone who has too many to carry, details will be in the bulletin at a later date. Any volunteers wanting to help please speak to Kathy Le Warne



Food Box: Thank you to everyone who has been contributing food for ECS, our ecumenical food bank. It is much appreciated as the need is great. Just a reminder that we only accept non-perishable food AND hygiene items, such as toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, dish liquid, etc. Other items such as toys, clothes, books, etc. can be brought to *Renaissance* or any thrift shop. You can also make a monetary donation by making a cheque to Ecumenical Community Services and mailing it to 496 avenue Birch, Saint-Lambert (QC) J4P 2M8.



Metal tabs from soft drink cans – these tabs are collected and used to purchase wheelchairs for those who need them but can't afford them. Instead of recycling them with the can please bring them in and help out someone in need. Please place them in the box at the front entrance of the church. Thank you!

Masses on Zoom - Holy Cross - every Saturday at 4:30. To register contact: mmuldowney@live.ca for the link.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's <https://www.facebook.com/stgabrielssthubert>
Tuesday 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd
Wednesday 9:00 am at St. Mary's
Thursday 9:15 am at St. Augustine's
Friday 9:30 am at Good Shepherd

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

Good Shepherd 7900 Naples, Brossard J4Y 1Z9

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 11:15 am

Holy Cross 765 Pierre Piché, Boucherville J4B 3H8

Saturday 4:30 pm (and on Zoom)

St. Augustine's 105 de Cherbourg, St. Bruno J3V 2K8 (entrance, Roberval)

Sunday 9:15 am

St. Clare's 820 Montarville, Longueuil (Church)

Saturday 4:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi 844 Notre Dame, St. Lambert J4R 1R8

Sunday 9:30 am

St. Gabriel's 5070 Gilbert, St. Hubert J3Y 2K7

Sunday 11:00 am

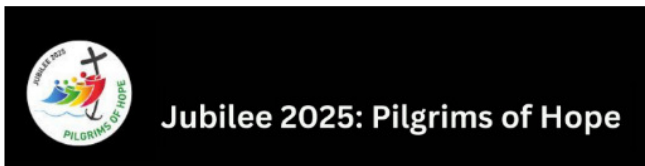
St. Mary's 125 Grove, Greenfield Park, J4V 2X2 (entrance, Miller)

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am Sunday 11:00 am (*in French with St. Anastase*)

St. Raymond's CRVP: 135 chemin Haendel, Candiac, QC J5R 1R7

Sunday 9:15 am



DESIGNATED SITES WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF SAINT-JEAN-LONGUEUIL

- Saint-Jean-l'Évangéliste Cathedral**
215, rue Longueuil, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu J3B 6P6
- Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue Co-Cathedral**
corner of rue St-Charles and chemin de Chambly, Longueuil
- Basilica of Sainte-Anne de Varennes**
30, rue de la Fabrique, Varennes, J3X 1R1
- Saint Francis Xavier Mission**
1 River Road, Kahnawake, J0L 1B0



DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES :

Reserve the dates ! Additional details about the following activities are to be advised:

<p align="center">Saturday, March 1, 2025 "DARE TO HOPE!" Basement of Saint-Antoine-de-Padoue Co-Cathedral starting at 6:30 p.m. The Diocesan Youth Commission invites you to dare to hope. Open to all.</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, April 27, 2025 "KATERI, MOTHER OF THE EARTH" The feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks", is inscribed on April 17 on the Catholic Church liturgical calendar. We will continue our Jubilee pilgrimage with a Eucharistic celebration at 10:45 a.m., followed by a fraternal meal.</p>
<p align="center">PROVINCIAL DAY Saturday, July 26, 2025 feast of Saint Anne "HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVED" 4 pm Festival in the Shrine Gardens 5:30 pm Community supper (bring your own lunch) 7:30 p.m. Solemn Mass presided by Mgr Claude Hamelin followed by a torchlight procession to the chapel and veneration of the relic of Saint Anne</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, October 5, 2025 "NO NEED TO KNOCK TO ENTER YOUR OWN HOME" at the Centre de Ressourcement 80 rue Lajeunesse, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, J3B 5E9 Everyone has a story, here and elsewhere. We will learn about them through songs, culture, testimonials and fraternal exchanges.</p>

JUBILEE 2025 GENERAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

24 December
Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica

JANUARY 2025

24-26 January
Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February
Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

15-18 February
Jubilee of Artists

21-23 February
Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March
Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March
24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March
Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-8 April
Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April
Jubilee of Teenagers

28-29 April
Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May
Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May
Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May
Jubilee of Marching Bands

12-14 May
Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

16-18 May
Jubilee of Confraternities

30 May - 1 June
Jubilee of Families: Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

JUNE 2025

7-8 June
Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June
Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June
Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June
Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June
Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June
Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June
Jubilee of Priests

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August
Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September
Jubilee of Consolation

20 September
Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September
Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

4-5 October
Jubilee of the Missions

4-5 October
Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October
Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October
Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October - 2 November
Jubilee of the World of Education

NOVEMBER 2025

16 November
Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November
Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December
Jubilee of Prisoners

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AN OFFICIAL HYMN - you can download the musical score:
[Hymn's Musical Score - English](#)
 You can download the official hymn: [MP3](#) Or watch on [YouTube](#)

JUBILEE OF 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD VIGILS OF ADORATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 9
 Saint Augustine of Canterbury Parish
 following the 9:15 a.m. Mass, ending with a Holy Hour of Prayer beginning at 4pm, to conclude with Benediction.

TUESDAY MARCH 11
 Saint Gabriel's Parish
 beginning at 1 p.m., to conclude at the 4 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 - SUNDAY, MARCH 23
 Saint Mary's Parish
 following the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday to conclude with Benediction at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - SUNDAY, MARCH 30
 Good Shepherd Parish
 following the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday to conclude with Benediction at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISHES

The Way of the Cross

As we journey through the season of Lent, preparing ourselves for Easter, please join the Catholic Women's League, in collaboration with the various ministries of the Parish of Good Shepherd, in praying the Stations of the Cross. It will take place every Friday at 7:00pm, March 7th until Friday, April 18th. Everyone is welcome.

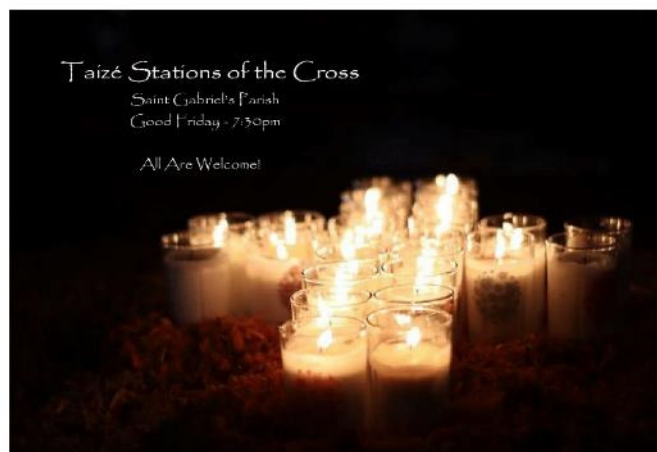
Good Shepherd Parish
 7900 Naples St.
 Brossard

STATIONS OF THE CROSS




St. Mary's
735 Miller
Greenfield Pk.

March 7:	3:00pm
March 14:	3:00pm
March 21:	7:00pm
March 28:	3:00pm
April 4:	3:00pm
April 11:	3:00pm



The following meditation and prayer sheet, prepared by Michel Boutot, Director of Communications and Liturgy for the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, is complementary to the activities taking place during the Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. It is also linked to the highlights of the 2025 liturgical year and the monthly prayers directly echo Pope Francis' monthly prayer intentions. Similar sheets will be presented monthly throughout the Year of Jubilee. Also included will be short biblical texts and reflections on hope by various authors, chosen to explore the Jubilee theme in greater depth. The texts and prayers can be meditated upon and recited throughout the month. Enjoy your pilgrimage!



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BIBLICAL PASSAGE
(Ephesians 1, 18)

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people (...)."

REFLECTION

"Hope, on the other hand, is a gift and a task for every Christian. It is a gift because it is God who offers it to us. Hoping, in fact, is not a simple act of optimism, as when we sometimes hope to pass a university exam ("Let's hope to succeed") or when we hope for good weather for a walk in the countryside on a Sunday Spring ("Let's hope the weather is nice"). No, to hope is to wait for something that is already given to us: salvation in the eternal and infinite love of God. This love, this salvation which gives flavor to our life, and which constitutes the hinge on which the world remains standing, despite all the wickedness and turpitude caused by our sins as men and women. To hope is therefore to welcome this gift that God offers us every day. To hope is to savor the wonder of being loved, sought after, desired by a God who did not lock himself away in his impenetrable heavens, but who became flesh and blood, history and days, to share our fate." » (Pope Francis, from *Réflexions sur l'espérance*)

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Good Father, You wanted Your Son to be born into a family, a space of love and support where the Savior "grew and became strong." Today, we bring before You all families torn by division and crisis, asking that You open spaces for them to communicate heart to heart, learning the difficult art of reconciliation. May the Heart of Your Son Jesus reveal to them the good news hidden in the crisis, helping them to fine-tune the ear of their hearts and moving them to embrace forgiveness. Breathe Your Spirit upon them so that with the support of grace and the accompaniment of family and friends, they can give a new "yes" that makes it possible for love to be reborn in them strengthened, transfigured, matured, and illuminated. Amen.

JUBILEE 2025 - MEDITATION AND PRAYER LEAFLET - DIOCÈSE DE SAINT-JEAN-LONGUEUIL

We are happy to announce that Bible Camp will be held in August again this year.

Bible Camp for children in K to Grade 7 will be held from Tuesday, August 5th – Friday, August 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. Mary's. Contributions of \$60.00 per child would be appreciated to help cover the costs which include materials, snacks and lunch on Thursday. Each child will need a pre-washed, plain white tee-shirt for a craft. **Register by July 20th. NOTE: Spaces are limited.** For more information and/or to request the online registration link (link will be available in a couple weeks), please E-mail: biblecamp.stmarys@yahoo.ca or call Christine Wright at 450-671-0416

BIBLE CAMP HELP: The Bible Camp team is looking for youth aged 16 and up and adults to help with this year's camp. Email the above address for more information.

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at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Saint Francis Parish

7:30 p.m. to conclude with Benediction at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday



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**JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

“ Let us commit ourselves
to remedying the remote
causes of injustice, settling
unjust and unpayable debts...”
— Pope Francis (*Spes non confundit*, §16)

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Mary
ROYAL MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH

BIBLE STUDY

Studying and contemplating Mary through the Scriptures enables us to encounter her as mother, counselor, and inspiration. Join Fr. John for a journey through this new Threshold Bible Study on *Mary, Royal Mother of the Messiah*.

TUESDAY EVENINGS | 7:00 P.M.
April 29, May 6, 13, 20 & June 3, 10

JOIN NOW



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Saint Gabriel's Parish
5070 Gilbert Street
Saint Hubert, J3Y 2K7

If you would like to join, please click here for the [Registration Form](#).

Should you need assistance with registration, please contact Christine at ac.sjp2pu@gmail.com or 514-250-4045.

**CAPP-Canada, in partnership with the
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Marguerite d'Youville Lecture Series, presents

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

in Light of Fratelli Tutti

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 7-9 PM
3484 Peel St., Montreal

RSVP + Livestream Info @
cappcanada.ca/activities

The Wizard of AI: Who/What Is Behind the Curtain?



Paul Mullen, B.Sc.

For more than 20 years, Paul has used diverse technologies to design software in a range of sectors: music edutainment, 3D modelling, physics simulations, massively scaled auctions, etc. His interest in AI, data privacy, and human agency issues is informed by seven years in the Ad-Tech industry. He is a member of the Global Initiative for Digital Empowerment.

AI and the Illusion of Relationship: On the Culture of Encounter



Cory Andrew Labrecque, Ph.D.

Professor of Bioethics and Theological Ethics, and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at Université Laval, Cory explores how the Roman Catholic tradition approaches ethical issues in medicine, biotechnology, and the environment. He is a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life and president of the Canadian Bioethics Society.

AI and Education: Who Is Leading?



Danielle Morin, Ph.D.

Co-Coordinator of CAPP-Canada, and Teaching and Leadership award-winning Professor of Business Statistics and Machine Learning at the John Molson School of Business of Concordia University, Danielle's research is focused on the impact of technology on students' learning, especially since the pandemic period when AI fully entered the world of education.

ESCC English Speaking Catholic Council

A lay, charitable, non-profit organization, founded in 1981, serves as the voice of the English Catholic community of Greater Montreal and beyond. The ESCC seeks to be an effective and collaborative leader for the English-speaking Catholic community.
<https://www.catholiccouncil.ca/>

OUR HARBOUR offers life-management support, links with resources in the surrounding community, and individual assistance in integrating with society at large. Our Harbour also educates the wider community about mental illness.
Visit Our Harbour at <https://ourharbour.org>

ARC - Assistance and Referral Centre

Dedicated to assisting and empowering people of all ages to access health and social services, information, resources, programs, and activities in English on the South Shore to promote well-being.
<https://www.arc-hss.ca>.

Centre de soutien entr'Aidants

Support for caregivers by offering a range of services to help them take care of an elderly loved one, while maintaining their physical, psychological and financial health.
<https://www.centredesoutienentraidants.com/en/>

Phoenix Community Projects (Phoenix) is a volunteer based, not-for-profit community organization.

Our goal and commitment is to bring hope and support to the English community within the island of Montreal and Montérégie areas of Quebec. To achieve this goal, Phoenix offers a variety of programs, events and workshops with the purpose to: • Support emotional well-being & mental health • Nurture personal development • Break isolation • Build community. All programming is based on our core values of Caring, Community, and Contributing.
<https://www.phoenixprograms.ca/>

Senior Respite Montérégie

Located in the heart of Greenfield Park (83 Boulevard Churchill, Greenfield Park, QC J4V 3L8), their mission is to enrich the quality of life for English-speaking seniors and caregivers through specialized services and respite care. Whether at the day centre or at home, dedicated staff provides social and cognitive activities suited to your loved one while providing the caregiver vital respite. Using these types of respite services are beneficial to the participant as well as their caregiver.
<https://www.seniorsrespitemonteregie.ca>

Y4Y Québec

A non-profit organization committed to addressing the issues facing English-speaking youth (ages 16-30) across Québec. In addition to its many youth-focused programs and initiatives, Y4Y takes pride in publishing multiple policy documents concerning the situation of English-speaking youth throughout the province, holding outreach events that strengthen community at the local level, bringing information to important stakeholders in government, supporting youth leadership locally, and having fun while doing so!
<https://www.y4yquebec.org/>

The **Sunday Connection** is available weekly through the Loyola Press website, offering useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way. Presented by age group, with age-appropriate suggestions for living the faith in our daily lives, the **Sunday Connection** helps to keep us grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ.
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

Saint Lambert Council for Seniors – visit their website www.ainesstlambertseniors.ca for the coming week's activities.