

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH BULLETIN MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026

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Diocesan website: [www.dsjl.org](http://www.dsjl.org)

Saint John Paul II website: [www.sjp2pu.com](http://www.sjp2pu.com)

Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

### WARDENS:-

**Chair of the Fabrique – Julie Belanger 450-466-3303**

Kathy Le Warne	Special Events	450-672-5887	Ted Colavecchio	Treasurer	514-299-5429
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Anne-Marie Armeni	Hall Rentals	450-671-1042	Victoria Slonosky	Special Events	450-923-9482

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Rejoice, Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** –Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our deceased. To add a name to our prayer list please leave a message at 450-671-6149.

### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH - For Disarmament And Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### MASS INTENTIONS

March 15 Olimpia Teoli & Pasquale Polisenia – Anna-Maria Polisenia

March 22 Clare Slonosky – Tony Slonosky

Collection	\$ 581.00	Y.T.D. \$ 9,164.30
Building & Maintenance	\$ 35.00	Y.T.D. \$ 1,229.00
Heritage/Roof Fund	\$ 175.00	T.D. \$ 93,651.81 (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.



**St. Patrick's Day Fun Fact** Montreal's St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place next week, Sunday March 22nd

This parade has been celebrated every year since 1824. It is the oldest and largest after New York City's parade.

**This Sunday March 15** after Mass is our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale! If you wish, you can bring your own containers, but we will have some for you. All proceeds will go to the Parish Building & Maintenance Fund.

Come join in the fun atmosphere - remember, everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!

**Palm Sunday, March 29th**, is our **FAMILY MASS**. All children are invited to play percussion instruments to help the choir make a joyful sound to the Lord. Teens will have the opportunity to read the parts of various Gospel characters.



**Do you enjoy reading?** Join us in the Oak room for a book discussion at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact Vicky Slonosky at [vslonosky@icloud.com](mailto:vslonosky@icloud.com)

**A message from the youth:** Again, this year, we have exciting news! The youth from our pastoral unit are selling delicious chocolates from "Chocolaterie des Pères" from Dolbeau-Mistassini (QC), to raise funds for World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea. They will be selling chocolates throughout the parishes of the pastoral unit, so please be sure to purchase the sweet treats when they are here. The bars and boxes make great Easter gifts ! Your continued support means the world to us, just as it has in the past. Thank you so much for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!



**Food Box:** Thanks to everyone for contributing to the food bank, you have helped a lot of people. Just remember...people need to eat everyday. 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. We are also collecting plastic tabs from bread bags. Please place them in the box at the front entrance of the church. Thank you!

**Starting on Ash Wednesday we are invited to participate in Share Lent, Development & Peace's campaign** for social & ecological justice. Check out *The Thread* for daily activities in the Share Lent calendar & pray with us this year's prayer, ***On Track for Justice***. Donations will be collected on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday.

**On track for justice**

Loving God,  
The destruction of your Creation,  
our Common Home, echoes in our hearts  
the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.  
Listening to this cry, we hear your call  
to ecological conversion.  
Turn us away from actions that harm  
our relationships to you, our planet,  
and our sisters and brothers.  
Turn us towards the track for justice.  
Gather us as your Church, North and South,  
to walk this track together.  
Let us be guardians of Creation and  
not rivals for its spoils.  
May we encounter others on the way  
who seek ecological justice  
and join our efforts to their own.  
Guide us together towards the dream of  
our human family living on a healthy planet,  
in dignity, solidarity, justice and peace.  
Amen

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

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

Sunday 9:15 am

**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

Help us raise funds with  
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Gift Card Fundraiser  
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our church



- 1 **Buy \$100, Get \$100**  
  
Buy cards at face value, get face value at the retailers - you lose nothing
- 2 **Shop As Usual**  
  
With cards from over 180 leading retailers, there's no need to change your shopping habits
- 3 **Pay With Gift Cards**  
  
Pay with gift cards instead of credit/debit/cash for your everyday items & gifts
- 4 **Raise Funds**  
  
Each purchase automatically includes a donation for your group that can quickly add up over time

.....For more info see Sharon

**REPAS DU CARÊME**

*Un temps de simplicité, de réflexion et de partage*

*Nous vous invitons chaleureusement à participer à un repas du Carême dans l'une de nos églises locales.*

*Nous offrirons soupe, pain et beurre, café ou thé, ainsi qu'une variété de desserts maison, au coût de 8,00 \$.*

*Les profits iront à différents organismes de charité, en lien avec les différentes églises.*

† **Mount Bruno United Church**

📅 4 mars  
🕒 11 h 30 - 13 h 30  
📍 25 Lackeview, Saint-Bruno

† **Église Saint-Bruno**

📅 18 mars  
🕒 11 h 30 - 13 h 30  
📍 1668, rue Montarville, Saint-Bruno

† **St. Augustine of Canterbury**

📅 25 mars  
🕒 11 h 30 - 13 h 30  
📍 rue Roberval, Saint-Bruno

**LENTEN LUNCHES**

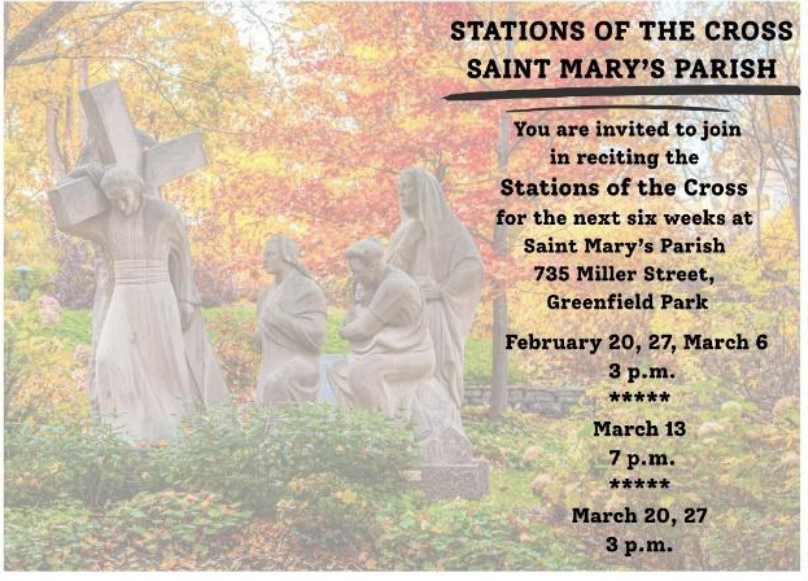
*A Time of Simplicity, Reflection & Fellowship*

*We invite you to join us for a Lenten lunch at one of our local churches.*

*We will offer soup, bread and butter, coffee or tea, and a variety of homemade desserts, at a cost of \$8.00.*

*Proceeds from these events will benefit various charitable organizations, as chosen by each church.*



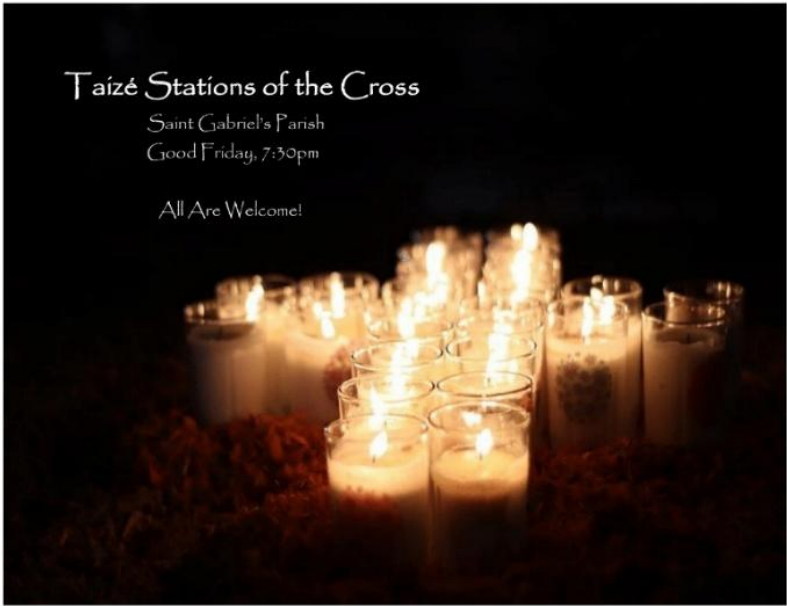


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**SAINT MARY'S PARISH**

You are invited to join  
in reciting the  
**Stations of the Cross**  
for the next six weeks at  
Saint Mary's Parish  
735 Miller Street,  
Greenfield Park

February 20, 27, March 6  
3 p.m.  
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March 13  
7 p.m.  
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March 20, 27  
3 p.m.

Taizé Stations of the Cross  
Saint Gabriel's Parish  
Good Friday, 7:30pm  
All Are Welcome!





### **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.seniorsrespitemonteregje.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](http://www.ainesstlambertseniors.ca) for the coming week's activities.