



**MONTREAL** 

**JANUARY FRIDAY** 

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AT FAMILY UNITS

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# MASS TIMINGS FOR THE **MONTH OF JANUARY**

#### Sundays

11.30 am - Holy Qurbana and Catechism 05.00 pm - Holy Qurbana

# Monday to Friday

06.00 pm -Holy Rosary 06.30 pm- Holy Qurbana On Wednesdays Novena to St Joseph

#### Saturday

09.00 am – Holy Rosary 09.30 am – Holy Qurbana and Novena of Perpetual Mother

**Note: From 10th January** No evening mass



SAINT'S CORNER

CHRISTMAS CAROL

### **PASTORS DESK**

to do and c) someone to love.

"I have a dream" said Martin Luther King. We should all have a noble plan of action (dream a noble dream), for every day in the new year. We need to remember the proverb: "Cherish your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows, but live your today".

It has been truly said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. We must not be barren fig trees, nor barren branches in the God's vineyard. We must be always engaged, doing good for others, and loving the people we encounter in our daily life, for they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us reflect on the **SEVEN UPs** for this new year.

WAKE UP-Begin the day thanking the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.

LOOK-UP-Open your eyes to the Lord Jesus. Ask for His strength and blessings for the day through the anointing of His Holy Spirit. He is your only Savior.

improves your looks, and it says something about your attitude. It enables Jesus living within you to smile at others.

SHUT-UP-Watch your tongue. Don't Lovingly, gossip. Don't be judgmental. Say nice things. Learn to listen to others with love. Be sympathetic.

STAND-UP-Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good. Have the courage of your Christian convictions by practicing what you believe in.

**REACH-UP**–Finish the duties of every day before going to bed. Spend time in prayer by talking to God with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings, and supplications, and by listening to Him through the attentive reading of the Bible and the application of its message in your life. LIFT-UP-Be available to help those in need-serving, supporting, and sharing. Try to find Jesus in others and serve them, there by serving Him.

Let us pray: "Lord, for all that has been, Thank you! For all that will be, yes! - Give me a pure heart that I may see Thee, a humble heart that I may hear thee, a heart of love that I may serve Thee, a heart of faith that I may abide by Thee".

Let us keep up the seven ups DRESS-UP-Put on a smile. It for ourselves, our family, and our parish community, so that we all will have a blessed year through out 2023. Wishing you all success in your life.

Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil

I wish you all a blessed new year, full of grace and pray that you get to accept all the blessings from God to fulfill the entrusted responsibilities for the year 2023. We were all good the whole of last year, with spiritual and physical nourishment. Let us keep up the spirit and energy this year too, with lots of spiritual, social, and physical activities, in the parish, in your families and by yourself personally. May the Almighty God, who protected us, continue to shower His blessings on each one of us. Let us pray for each other and strengthen our parish in the year 2023.

As we enter the new year, let us reflect the three ways to make the new year meaningful and always have (William Barclay):

a) something to dream, b) something



#### **HOLY COMMUNION** REGISTRATION

Solemn holy communion classes for the year of 2023 will be starting by mid January. Students in the grades 4 and above are recommended to join the classes for the preparation. Classes will be conducted online and in person on a 50-50 basis. 100% of attendance is mandatory to receive Holy **Communion here in Montreal** and to get an NOC to other parishes. Parents, please contact Mrs. Deepthi to confirm your registration.

#### **SELLING AD SPACES**

12 months - 200\$ 6 months - 125\$ 3 months - 75\$ 1 month - 30\$

- **Starting from March 2023**
- Contact Fr. Jojo for further details.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & TIME**

DATE	EVENTS	TIME(EST)
03/01/2023 Tuesday	Feast of St Chavara Kuriakose Elias	06.30 pm
06/01/2023 Friday	Feast of Deneha	06.30 pm
08/01/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism	11.30 am
15/01/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism	11.30 am
22/01/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana, Feast of St Sebastian and Catechism	11.30 am
29/01/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism Exam	11.30 am
05/02/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism	11.30 am
12/02/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism	11.30 am
19/02/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism (First Sunday of Lent)	11.30 am
20/02/2023 Monday	Vibhoothi Thirunnal	06.00 pm
26/02/2023 Sunday	Holy Qurbana and Catechism	11.30 am

# **CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is all about God sending his son into the world as part of his plan to bring salvation to people everywhere. Christians also think about the 'incarnation literally meaning in the flesh', when God became man in the form of the baby Jesus.







FR.JOMON TAKING INFANT JESUS TO THE CRIB DURING THE MIDNIGHT MASS ON 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

St Joseph parish in collaboration with St Richard's parish distributed Christmas gifts to the needy neighbouring families. Congratulations to the parish youth for your continued committed services



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AFTER THE HOLY MASS ON 25TH DECEMBER.





# BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

January 1, Sunday, Second Sunday of Nativity (New year day)

(Cote Vertu Family Unit)

Ex - 2 : 1 - 10 Isa - 49 : 1 - 6 2 Tim - 2 : 16 - 26

Lk - 2:21 - 35 (2:21-52)

January 6, Friday, The feast of Denha (Syro Malabar mission week begins) (Cote Vertu Family Unit)

Num - 24 : 15- 25 Isa - 11 : 1 - 5 Tit - 3 : 1-7 Mt - 3 : 13 - 17

January 8, Sunday, First Sunday of Denha (Saint Evariste Family Unit)

Ex - 3 : 1 - 12 Isa - 44 : 28 - 45: 4

2 Tim - 3:10 - 15 (3:1-15)

Lk - 4: 16 - 22a

January 15 ,Sunday, Second Sunday of Denha (West Island Family Unit)

Num - 10 : 29-36 Isa - 45 : 11 - 17 Heb - 3 : 1-6 Jn - 1 : 14 - 18

January 22, Sunday, Third Sunday of Denha (Plamondon Family Unit)

Num - 11: 11 - 20 Isa - 45 : 18 - 46:4 Heb - 4 : 1 - 10 Jn - 1: 29 - 34

January 29, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Denha (St Catherine and Van horn Family Unit)

Num - 24 : 15-25 Isa - 11: 1-5 Tit - 3 : 1-7 Mt - 3 : 13 - 17

Congratulation on the anniversary of your priesthood dear "Fr.Jojo" on  $26^{th}$  December. "May this important day be a right reward for your selfless dedication to the service of our lord".



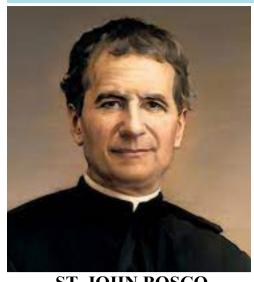


# **WORD OF GOSPEL**

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

(Luke 13:6-9)

#### **SAINT'S CORNER**



ST. JOHN BOSCO

St. John Bosco, the patron saint of children, young people and magicians, was born on August 16th, 1815 in Becchi in Italy. When he was 2 years old his father passed away, leaving him and his 2 elder brothers to his mother, Margherita. She played a huge role in Bosco's formation and personality. When he was nine, he had several dreams that changed his life forever. In his dream, he saw a multitude of very poor boys who were fighting and cursing and a noble man who told him that he would have to win those boys with gentleness and kindness. Since then, he knew it was his destiny to become a priest and to dedicate himself to assist the poor youth. To fulfill his dream he had to leave his home and assist in the city school. He would walk for hours to the city school to receive education. He began to work to alleviate the plight of the boys who came to seek employment in the city. Working in borrowed premises, Bosco provided the boys with education, religious instruction, and recreation; eventually he headed a large establishment containing a grammar school, a technical school and a church, all built through his efforts. He also achieved a local reputation as a popular preacher. He was 26 years old when he was ordained priesthood in Turin.

In 1859, Don Bosco founded the Salesian Congregation, under the name of St Francis de Sales. In 1872, he co-founded, together with St. Mary Mazzarello, the daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco), a congregation that would do a job similar to that of St. John Bosco, but with women. By 1875, he send missionaries to various parts of the world, with the task to work for the poor and young and to create a more equitable and Christian society.

He dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment. He died on January 31, 1888, in Turin and so January 31 is celebrated as his feast day.

Every month quiz winners will be selected by lot

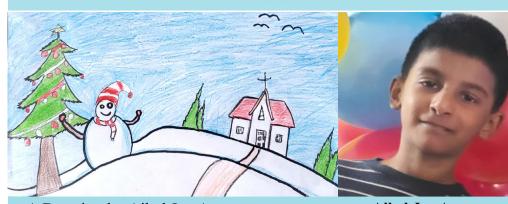
The link for the quiz is: <a href="https://">https://</a> forms.gle/iRv9cH6SN2uGdi7u7

Congratulations to last month winners.

Last month winners by lot are:

- 1. Ivan Benny (Grade 3)
- 2. Aibel Joe Anoop (Grade 2)
- 3. Christa Mary Toji (Grade 3) and Chrispin Toji (Grade 2)

### TALENT CORNER



A Drawing by Aibel Joe Anoop

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**Tesslin Ann Pious** 



A Drawing by Eza Maria Tijo



Eza Maria Tijo

# Story & Graphic by Jia Sujesh

When it was a Christmas

It was Christmas. Jesus was sleeping, Santa clause came, flying from the sky and landed in the snow. He went inside the manger and put a gift for Jesus. The next morning mother Mary came and found a gift next to the bed of Jesus. She opened it and found a little blanket; just for him she covered and was smiling.



Jia Sujesh

# **HOUSE WARMINGS**

1. Congratulations to Aneesh Thomas and Raji Jos for your new house



2. Congratulations to Rahul Vijay and 3. Congratulations to Joshy George Helna Rahul for your new house



and Fincy Joshy for your new house



your new house





# **CHRISTMAS CAROL AT FAMILY UNITS**

All the six family units of St. Joseph parish conducted the Christmas Carol at their respective units. It was a blessed and joyfully event for the families.

The word 'carol' means to sing and dance in a circle, deriving from the ancient Greek choros, which means dancing in a circle and from the old French word 'carole' which means a song to accompany dance. Our family units conducted this year's carol with great vigor and joy, befitting the meaning of the word.



Fr. Jojo blessing the statues of infant Jesus for the carol.

#### SAINT EVARISTE FAMILY UNIT CAROL ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022.



COTE SAINT LUC FAMILY UNIT CADOL ON 19TH DECEMBED 2022



WEST ISLAND FAMILY UNIT CAROL ON 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022



ST CATHERINE AND VANHORN FAMILY UNIT CAROL ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022



**CHRISTMAS TREE** 



St. Richard and St. Joseph parish communities lit up the Christmas tree on November 27,2022.



Mother of George Augustin (Plamondon family unit)



COTE VERTU FAMILY UNIT CAROL ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022.



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