

THE GRAPEVINE

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ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA: FEAST DAY - APRIL 17

Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks”, St. Kateri Tekakwitha understood the heart of the gospel message of God’s mercy given to the poor and vulnerable, what was later became known in Catholic Social teachings as the principle of ‘preferential option for the poor’. Born in 1656 in New York to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief, she came to understand at an early age what suffering and vulnerability really meant. Her parents and brother died of smallpox when she was four years old. Kateri was also affected by the disease, which left her almost blind and badly scarred her face. She was taken in by her aunts and uncle, who was strongly opposed to Christianity.

When she was 11 years old, her village was visited by the Jesuit missionaries Fathers Fremin, Bruyas and Pierron. From them, she received her first knowledge of Christianity. When Kateri turned 18, Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take charge of the mission in her village. Despite his misgivings, her uncle allowed her to be baptized as long as she remained in the village. Following her Baptism, Kateri lived a pious and faith-filled life, spending hours in prayer and fashioning crosses out of twigs. She also refused to marry, believing that she was married to God and that no man could take God's place in her heart. Her beliefs were met with ridicule, hostility and threats. Thus, two years after her Baptism, she fled to St. Francis Xavier Mission, a Christian Mohawk village in Kahnawake, Quebec. It was there that she received her first Communion on Christmas Day 1677. She also made a vow of perpetual virginity on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679. In Kahnawake, Kateri was known for her faith, holiness and loving regard for the vulnerable in her community. She taught prayers to children, cared for the elderly and the sick, and would often attend mass at sunrise and sunset.

Kateri's health deteriorated in and on April 17, 1680, shortly before her 24th birthday, and was buried at St. Francis Xavier Mission. Her final words were: "Jesus Konoronkwa" ("Jesus, I love you"). Witnesses report that within minutes of her death, the smallpox scars vanished from her face, which then radiated with beauty.

Source: Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops website: <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/indigenous-peoples/3263-blessed-kateri-tekakwitha>

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SANCTUARY OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA
MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:
MASS EVENINGS, SPEAKERS AND
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Theme: Walking with Saint Kateri to Jesus Christ

Everyone is welcome to join us this week (1 River Rd, Kahnawake, QC J0L 1B0) as our Novena of masses continues each evening at 7 p.m. (except Sunday) until April 20:

Sunday, April 15, 10:45 a.m.:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha: A Model of Humility,
with Bishop Alain Faubert, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal

Monday, April 16, 7 p.m.:

Experience of Praying with Families – Healing Ministry,
with Sheila Boyer, Wife of Deacon Ron Boyer

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.:

With Cindy Boyer

Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m.:

In the Footsteps of St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
with Deacon Ron Boyer

Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m.:

Giving a Hand to Those who are Financially Poor through *Development and Peace*, with Dan Gardner

Friday, April 20, 7 p.m.:

The Tekakwitha Conference: A Blessing for the World
with Brian McDonough and Rose-Anne Gosselin

The Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 22** at 11 a.m. and will include the celebration of First Communion and Confirmation at the Mission. All are welcome! Contact 450-632-6030.



NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

Pope Francis released his new Apostolic Exhortation: *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad) - on the call to holiness - where he challenges the whole Church to promote anew the desire for holiness - in a practical way, for our own time.

You may access the full letter here:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html



ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH: ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE

Do you know how much healing you can receive right here in your community?

One way is through the Healing Ministry. This beautiful experience is not a Sacrament. It is offered by trained members of the laity or clergy. This may be received at any time, when in need of prayer.

If you would like faith-based healing, in the name of Jesus, be it for physical, emotional or spiritual burdens, you can simply sit and relax with a prayer team who will invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with peace and allow that grace to wash over you.

Prayer teams can be contacted at: beckethealing@gmail.com or may be visited during our service every third Monday of the month. Join us on **Monday, April 16** at 7:30 p.m. (4320 Ste-Anne St., Pierrefonds, H9H 4Y7) for an evening of Adoration and healing.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Mt. 11:28



NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

A Novena of Masses will begin **Tuesday, April 17** and will continue every Tuesday until June 12, 7 p.m. each evening (5600 Côte-des-Neiges Rd., Montreal, H3T 1Z1). We welcome celebrant and homilist Fr. Thomas Gomes, CSC, who will speak to us on "St. Anthony, Intercessor Before God". All are invited. For more info, contact the office at 514-733-5600 or stkevinqc@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH:
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Ligouri

We invite you to an hour of silent adoration **every Tuesday evening**, following the 7 p.m. Mass (875 Marcel-Laurin Blvd. St-Laurent, H4M 2M8). We also offer Adoration **every Friday throughout the year**, following the 9 a.m. Mass. Come and spend some time with the Lord! Contact the office at 514-747-4226 or secretary@our-lady-of-fatima.ca



PILGRIMAGE OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: INFO SESSION

Pilgrimage of Santiago de Compostela for young adults (18-35 years old)
(July 15 - August 2018, TBC)

The beautiful landscape of the Way of St. James to Santiago de Compostela is a historic route that pilgrims from around the world have been traveling for over 1200 years. The pilgrimage is an exercise in physical, mental and spiritual endurance. The pilgrim is able to experience a growth that guides them to a better understanding of themselves and a little of the serenity and peace that awaits them at the end of their road. It is a personal and spiritual journey, where pilgrims experience times of vocational discernment, and beautiful moments of personal encounter with God, self and others!

For more info, join us at an information session at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 17** or **Wednesday, May 2** (2000 Sherbrooke St., Montreal, H3H 1G4).

Invite a friend, and let us know if you'll be joining us by confirming here:

[CAMINO DE COMPOSTELA INFO SESSION](#)

For more info: www.missionjeunessemtl.org , 514-925-4300 ext. 216, 273 or missionjeunesse@diocesemontreal.org



INFO SESSION

WYD PANAMA 2019

WORLD YOUTH DAY INFO SESSION

- Are you part of a group and you already began thinking about going to WYD Panama 2019?
- Are you an individual who wishes to go to WYD Panama?
- Would you like to get some information on the next international WYD?

Come to the next info-session! It's definitely not too late to register!

Panama 2019 here we come!

Join us at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 17** or **Wednesday, May 2** (2000 Sherbrooke St., Montreal, H3H 1G4). Invite a friend, or come as a group, and let us know if you'll be joining us! Contact us at 514-925-4300 or missionjeunesse@diocesemontreal.org

Read more about WYD Panama at www.jmjwydmtl.org



PARISH SOCIAL ACTION REPRESENTATIVE MEETING:
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

What is the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church all about? To celebrate the upcoming Earth Day, parish social action representatives are invited to come and reflect together on the teachings in Chapter 10 of the Compendium, *Safeguarding the Environment* on **Wednesday, April 18** (2000 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, H3H 1G4). Light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., meeting is held from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. RSVP required to Kim Piché at KPiche@diocesemontreal.org. Empowered by God's love, humans can change interpersonal relationships and social structures!



LIVE FROM OTTAWA

APRIL 27-28, 2018

The [New Evangelization Summit](#) is back again with an exciting line up of charismatic and inspiring speakers. Join Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Sr. Ann Shields, Curtis Martin, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, and Christy Dupuis!

On April 27-28, join Catholics from around the world who will be participating via webcast. Join us in learning to evangelize our parishes, families, and communities!

STREAMING THIS YEAR TO OUR MONTREAL HOST SITE

AT ST. KEVIN PARISH!

Join us at St. Kevin Church (5600 Côte-Des-Neiges Rd., Montreal, H3T 1Z1) on **Friday, April 27**, from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and on **Saturday, April 28**, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Lunch will be provided. Please contact 514-258-0227 or stkevinNES18@gmail.com for more info about this Host Site. For details on this year's speakers and to purchase tickets online at: www.newevangelization.ca



ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH: CHOIR DIRECTOR

Are you musical? St. Thomas à Becket's Sunday 9 a.m. Children's Choir is looking for a director with choir experience. Honorarium offered. Please contact Kim at 514-827-4132 or kim_ricafort@hotmail.com



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH:

HEALING MASS FOR ALL GENERATIONS OF OUR FAMILY

You're invited to a celebration of the Holy Eucharist for Healing of our Family Tree, with celebrant Fr. Lou Cerulli. Join us on **Friday, April 20** at 7 p.m (4455 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 2A7) for an evening of prayer and healing for all generations of our family, past, present and future. All are welcome! An offering will be taken up to support our ministry. Wheelchair accessible. Contact the office at 514-481-7768 or office@stignatiusmtl.org



COME AND SEE EVENING

The Diocesan Vocations Office is offering informal get-togethers in 2018. The purpose of these "Come and See" Evenings, is to provide fellowship and support for those who are discerning a call to the ministerial priesthood. They will be held at Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Ave., TMR, H3R 2G9) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on **Friday, April 20**. For information please contact the Vocations Office at 514-903- 6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com



ST. VERONICA PARISH: FABRIC SALE

St. Veronica's Catholic Women's League will be holding its annual Fabric Sale on **Saturday, April 21** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (1300 Carson Ave., Dorval, H9S 1M6). "Fat Quarter" cottons at \$1 each, various fabrics at different lengths, no cutting of lengths, purchase as is - prices starting at \$2 per metre. **Cash only.** Contact the office at 514-631-6381 or st.veronica@videotron.ca



I COUNT MONTREAL: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A second count of Montreal's visible homeless population will take place in spring 2018. [*I count MTL 2018*](#) will continue the work of the first count in 2015, which mobilized more than 150 organizations and 700 volunteers.

The City of Montreal and the CIUSSS-du-Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal are working together on this city-wide operation. *I count MTL 2018* will be carried out with the support and expertise of the Douglas Hospital Research Centre in close collaboration with the Movement to End Homelessness in Montreal (MMFIM).

The survey will take place on **Tuesday, April 24**. We are looking for volunteers willing to circulate and survey on that night, in their own neighbourhood. We greatly rely on residents, who are familiar with their neighbourhood and the people living there.

You may register directly at: <http://icountmtl2018.ca/registration/>

For more info, contact Julie Felix, volunteer co-ordinator for the event, at: julie.felix@mmfim.ca



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH: WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

All women are invited to an evening of prayer. Join us on **Wednesday, April 25**, 7 p.m. at the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) Sisters Residence (7841 Outremont Ave., Montreal, H3N 2M1). All women are welcome! For information please contact Sister Marianna at 514-271-7101.



THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL:
BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Hosted by the Alumnae Association and Parents' Guild in support of our Capital Campaign. Join us for an evening of fun and games on **Friday, April 27** at 7 p.m. (3635 Atwater Ave. Montreal, H3H 1Y4).

- Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
- Admission is free for all
- Purchase your BINGO cards on-site for \$20 and enjoy six rounds of fun!
- Cash Bar
- Limited seating available
- Due to permit restrictions, the event is NOT open to minors.

Please RSVP by April 20. Register at www.sacredheart.qc.ca/news/bingo-night-at-sacred-heart/ or call 514-937-2845 ext.113



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH: ENCOUNTER PARISH MISSION

Do you know someone who is far from God? Do you sometimes feel far from him? Are you unsure whether you could ever encounter him? Are you a practicing Catholic who desires a deeper union with God? Come and join us this month for the Encounter Parish Mission with André Regnier!

André is the Co-Founder of [Catholic Christian Outreach](#), and will be speaking for two nights on the topic of encountering God as a necessary step in making faith personally relevant.

The Encounter Parish Mission will take place on **Sunday, April 29** and **Monday, April 30** from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. both evenings(4455 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 2A7). Our doors are open at 6:30 p.m.

This is a free event and everyone is welcome to come and join us. Help us spread the good news and bring a friend or two. Or more! For more info, please contact Stephen Corsi at 514-481-7768.



STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2018

[Mission Jeunesse](#) and [The Pillars Trust](#) are coordinating a multi-parish trip to the [Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference, July 13-15, 2018](#). Terrel Joseph has been speaking to some parishes about this directly. He has received solid interest from several who wish to strengthen parish youth ministries. Note that registration is open, but usually fills up quickly – the deadline is **April 30**. This year's annual event takes place in Oshawa, Ontario, including over a dozen host cities across the U.S.A. and Canada. World-class speakers from the Franciscan University of Steubenville are booked. Priests attend for free and the cost is \$275 per person (teen or adult chaperone) and covers food, accommodation and conference expenses. Mission Jeunesse and Pillars are coordinating group transportation to help lower the costs (more details on this to come). If anyone wishes to receive more information, Terrel can be reached at 514-578-2134 or by Email at terrel@pillarstrust.org.



ONE DAY ONLY:
MONTREAL SCREENING OF
"SUMMER IN THE FOREST"

"In many ways I discovered something about myself..." - Jean Vanier

The 89-year-old has spent his life living with and at the service of those with disabilities. The inspirational story of his movement and life's work comes to Montreal this month! Screening will take place for one day only, on **Monday, April 30**, 7 p.m. at Cinéma Cineplex Odeon Quartier Latin (350 Émery St., Montreal, H2X 1J1). This documentary by British filmmaker Randall Wright explores the vision of Jean Vanier and life in [L'Arche](#). The film is set in L'Arche Trosly and L'Arche Bethlehem (in French and Arabic with English subtitles) with reflections by Jean Vanier. For tickets contact 514-849-2244 or visit www.summerintheforest.com. For more details about the screenings across Canada and L'Arche Canada's review of the film, visit http://www.larche.ca:8080/en_CA/news?article=1116072&title=summer-in-the-forest-is-coming-to-canada



SINGLE-MOTHER FAMILY WEEKEND

[Dominus Vobiscum](#) (DV) is a Catholic Retreat Centre devoted to supporting family life. We are hosting a long weekend retreat for single mothers, children are welcome too. Come join us for three days of prayer, relaxation, family time and community.

Dates: **Friday, June 22 – Sunday, June 24, 2018**

Cost: \$130

Location: 171 Rang St. Augustin, Mandeville, Quebec, J0K 1L0
(bordering Lac Maskinongé)

For more information, please contact Rose Anne Darwent 438-884-2184 or rose_darwent@hotmail.com

Visit http://newmancentre.org/dominusvobiscumca/wp/?page_id=533



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- DIOCESAN LITURGY CAMP (youth 6 -15 yrs)
July 22-28, 2018
Info and Registration: 514-889-5679
www.campdlc.com
- YOUTH IN ACTION (youth 7-14 yrs)
July 29-Aug. 4, 2018
Info and Registration: 514-607-7617
www.youthinactioncamp.com
- VISIONS (for teens 14-17 yrs)
Aug. 5 – 11, 2018
Info and Registration: 514-651-7140
www.visionscamp.ca

Don't delay... register today!

<http://www.campkinkora.com/programs/summer-camps>

Also visit www.campkinkora.com for job postings (specifically kitchen aides, maintenance, and lifeguards) or contact Cori-Ann at campkinkora1@gmail.com for more information.