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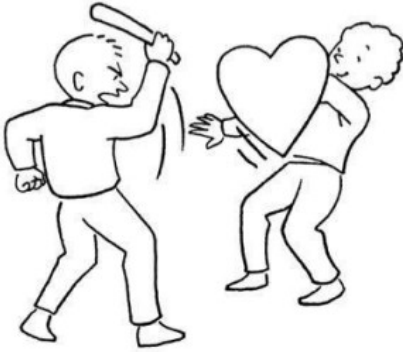
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Going above and beyond...



Moses gave his people the Ten Commandments to guide their lives. Do not kill; do not lie; do not steal. In the first reading from Leviticus, we are warned not to hate our neighbor or harbor resentment towards anyone. These wise words are indispensable for peace in society. Yet it happens that the wealthy could abuse their power and give free rein to greed, without being accountable to anyone. Though they threaten the equilibrium of society, the authorities often protect them. Ordinary people may have little to say.

We practice these ideals by loving and respecting our neighbors. The Law of Moses remains our ancient Code of Conduct. While our modern charters *define our rights*, the Ten Commandments *define our responsibilities*: *You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people...*

Jesus went much further as he was not restricted by the wisdom of his time. *And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Don't even the Gentiles do the same?* (Mt 5:47). To love only those who love you does not require any effort. We are called to do more. *Be perfect therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect* (Mt 5:48). What is needed is more love, more awareness. *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you* (Mt 4:34). Only love will disarm hatred and break the circle of violence. Jesus did not give us suggestions: he taught us the way forward. Though the early Christians were persecuted, they prayed for their enemies.

Though Christ's rationale may appear to some to be unrealistic, in the long term it is the only way to proceed. God's way reflects the unfathomable mystery of mercy.

André Beauchamp

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Michele Martucci
Carlos Modesto
Angela Pompura
Anton Thiruchelvam
Giovanni & Angelica Palazzo
Umberto Calligarini
Walter Uzenko

Requested by:

Family
Family Picotte Pietrantonio
Sister Alda Modesto
Ray & Sharon Murphy
Thiruchelvam Family
Daughters
Jo Rossi
Daughters

Special Intention for Joseph from Family

Special Intention for Lena Nguyen

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

20/20 Draw: Sunday March 12th after Mass. This draw will be coupled with our **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**. Come and enjoy some Irish coffee! Purchase your lucky ticket at the table set up near the entrance of the Church.

LOST & FOUND: Silver bracelet with magnetic closure. Please see Gerry Romanow.

DID YOU KNOW? The Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus is always celebrated on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This year it falls on Tuesday, February 28 and a Novena dedicated to the feast begins on Sunday, February 19. Come and learn more about this powerfully grace-filled devotion when we welcome Gordon Deery of the Holy Face Association on Wednesday, February 15 from 7pm-9pm at the Archdiocesan offices (2000 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). This will be a great way to prepare for the Lenten season. Contact Lay Evangelist Corey Jolly at 514-931-7311 x251 or cjolly@diocesemontreal.org.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE: Designed for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether they have been together for 1 or 61 years, and whether they feel they have a strong marriage or are struggling. Over the course of seven evenings, in a welcoming and relaxing home setting, spend some quality time together discovering the essence of a healthy marriage. Conversations are strictly private between each couple; there are absolutely no group discussions. The next course will be held in the West Island, on Wednesday nights at 7:15pm, from March 1 and ending April 12. \$70 per couple, including materials. For information and registration contact Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896 or kahndyra@sympatico.ca.

MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREATS: Begin the Lenten season in a prayerful mode, and be refreshed in mind, body and spirit. Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). Begins Friday evening, March 10 and ends Sunday afternoon, March 12. Cost is \$140. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172. Visit www.montrealretreats.org.

Last Sunday's Collection was \$1550. Thank you!

A poem composed by Phyllis Scott, a former parishioner of Holy Family, in the wake of the tragedy in Quebec City

SIX MUSLIM MARTYRS

They came to kneel and pray
Suddenly their lives were taken away.
How could hatred be so deep
To cause women and children to weep?
Speak with love and kindness to one another
For God created all as your sister and brother.

As I sit with sorrow and try to pray
I ask what can I do in my little way?
Speak up when you hear a racist remark,
Derogatory words can fuel hatred to spark.
God teach us how to do our part,
And create within, an accepting heart.