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MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 8, 2018

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Emilio Pietrantonio
Romeo Pietrantonio
Michele Macera
Frank Quinn
Kathleen & James McDonnell
Richard Bedard
Suzanne Piche

Requested by:

Family
Daughters Marcella, Tania & Olivia
Nieces Marcella, Tania & Olivia
Lina Pietrantonio
Léo-Paul & Mary Leclerc
Clair & Tom
Gerry Bedard
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK AND GRATITUDE to all who celebrated the Holy Week Ceremonies in Holy Family Parish.

Women peacebuilders campaign at Holy Family. Alexandra and David would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations. A benefit concert **Women's Voice for Peace** will take place Friday, April 13th at 7:30 pm at St. Albert le Grand Church, 2715 Chemin de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine. Tickets at www.lepointdevente.com/billets/devpaix.

Prayer in the style of the monastery of Taizé: The monthly Prayer of Taizé is the occasion to engage in simple prayer featuring song, silence and the Word of God. Held monthly on Saturdays in the Community Chapel (Sainte-Croix Pavilion) of St. Joseph's Oratory: April 14 and May 19 from 7 pm to 8 pm. For more information: <https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/spirituality/faith-encounters/prayer-of-taize/>

Don't forget to visit our Parish website at <http://www.holyfamilyparishmtl.com>. You can find Sunday's Liturgy PowerPoint slides and the bulletin. Thank you to all those involved in keeping the website up to date!

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am to 4 pm (Please call before coming)
- If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to jpiazza@live.ca
- For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

Holy Family Board of Directors:

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Last Sunday's Collection was \$4500. Thank you!

What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear

I went to the zoo the other day and saw a baguette in a cage.
The zookeeper said it was bread in captivity...

Visible Faith



“Maybe God exists, but I don’t believe in much else.” A young lady recently confided her indifference. We often hear statements like this from our colleagues as our society becomes more indifferent to any religious dimension.

And even if we are believers, we often find it difficult to recognize God’s actions in our lives, to understand God’s pathways, as we carry heavy crosses on our shoulders and in our hearts.

In this context, we can relate to St. Thomas, the apostle who was absent on Easter evening. Unlike the other apostles, he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was a realist and mistrusted their claims. He wanted to see Christ with his own eyes.

Eight days later, Jesus appeared again to his apostles and this time, Thomas was with them. Jesus approached his incredulous disciple and spoke to him. Immediately Thomas believed. He threw himself at Christ’s feet and uttered this remarkable profession of faith: *My Lord and my God*. He even forgot to put his hand in Christ’s side.

Like Thomas, we have our doubts. We also want to be “hands-on” when it concerns our beliefs. But we are in a special time of faith. As believers, we welcome the Word of God that comes to us from his witnesses, through the voice of his Church.

Christians do not view faith as an abstract notion or an intellectual theory. It is first and foremost a total commitment of our entire being, heart and spirit, to the person of Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the dead for our salvation.

This attachment to Christ, who brings peace and joy, is facilitated through the Church. In addition, the strength of witnessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives promotes our encounter with the living God. The Christian community, the Word of God and the sacraments are privileged signs that foster the growth of faith.

St John the Evangelist records one beatitude: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe*.

Blessed are we if we have faith: it is our pathway to our Lord and God.

Gilles Leblanc
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli