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St. Maurizio Church, Milan, Italy



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Good news! We have a new Patron Saint to look over us! Sister Marie-Léonie Paradis has been approved for canonization by Pope Francis!

Saint Marie was born outside Montreal in 1840 and joined the convent as a teenager. At the age of 24 she was assigned to Saint Joseph's College in Memramcook, where she founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, whose ministry was in support of the College and of priests throughout Canada.



When Pope Saint John Paul II beatified Saint Marie during his pastoral visit to Canada in 1984, he recalled how she joined so many other Canadian saints as our patrons, from the North American Martyrs, Saints Marguerite Bourgeoys, Kateri Tekakwitha, Mother Marguerite d'Youville, André Grasset, Mother Marie-Rose Durocher and our beloved Brother André Bessette. On that day he said of her:



This woman from your home, humble among the humble, is taking rank today among those whom God has raised to glory, and I am happy that such beatification is taking place for the first time in Canada, which was her country.

Born of simple, poor and virtuous parents, she very quickly grasped the beauty of religious life and committed herself to it with her wishes, among the Marianist Sisters of Sainte-Croix. She has never questioned this gift to God, even in the midst of the trials of community life in New York and Indiana. And when she was appointed to serve in Saint Joseph College in Memramcook, Acadia, her life as a nun was so radiant that she spontaneously grouped around her young girls who also wanted to devote their lives to God. With them, and thanks to the understanding of Monsignor Laroque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, she founded the congregation of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, always flourishing and so appreciated.

Monument to Mother Marie-Léonie
in Memramcook.

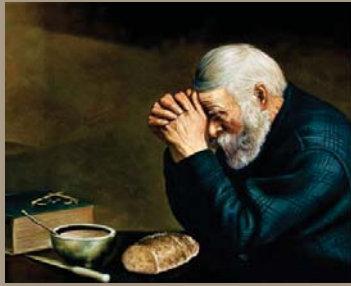


Without ever doubting her call, she often asked: "Lord, show me your ways", to know the concrete form of her service in the Church. She found and offered her spiritual daughters a special commitment: the service of education houses, the seminary service, priests' houses. She was not afraid of the various forms of manual work that is the lot of so many people today, which has been honored in the Holy Family, in the very life of Jesus in Nazareth. This is where she saw God's will on her life. It was by completing these tasks that she found God. With the sacrifices inherent in this work, but offered out of love, she experienced deep joy and peace there. She knew that she joined the land-right attitude of Christ, "come not to be served but to serve". She was all penetrated by the greatness of the Eucharist, and the greatness of the priesthood in the service of the Eucharist: this is one of the secrets of her spiritual motivations.

Yes, God laid his eyes on the holiness of his humble servant, Marie-Léonie, who was inspired by Mary's availability. And from now on her Congregation and the Church will say it, from age to age, blessed (Luke. 1, 84). Saint and Sister Marie-Léonie Paradis, pray for us!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:

Ronald Girouard, Greta Vaillette, Marie Cyr, Francis Wada, Maureen Sullivan, Charles LeBlanc and Stephanie Matthews.

Pray for all who live in the Holy land, that God might bring peace to that troubled land.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.



Thanks to all who picked up a flyer and plan to participate in this year's Lenten Food Drive. Catholic Charities reports an increased need due to effects of the pandemic, the ever rising food prices, and the high cost of rent in our area. Next weekend will be collecting: **canned spaghetti sauce, canned or boxed pasta and rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, coffee (instant and ground), tea, and iced tea mix.**



Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers Serving 4pm - 7pm

Chicken Fricot

Free will offerings will be accepted for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul

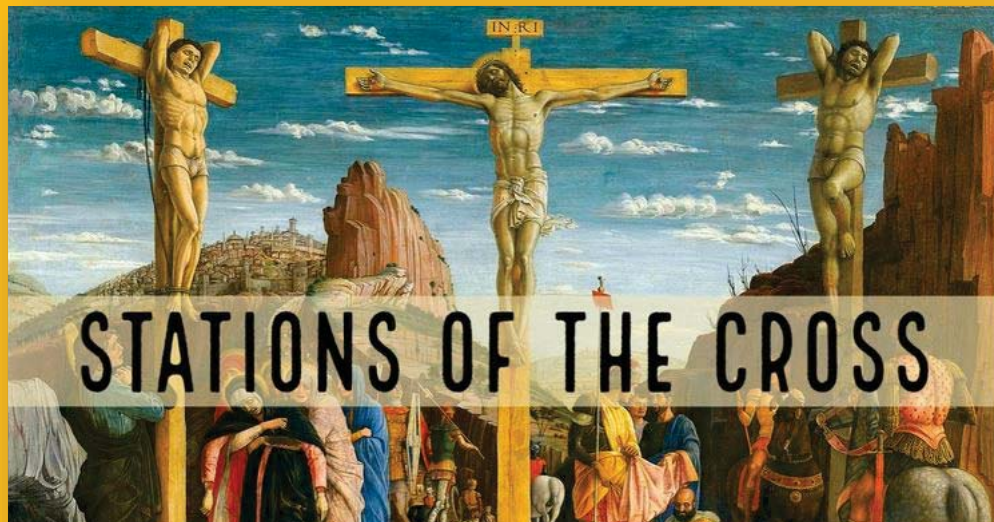


We will continue learning more about our Catholic faith by taking a closer look at Isaiah. The book of Isaiah gives prophetic witness to the complex study of God's judgment against Israel and the enduring promise of divine redemption. Isaiah continues to enrich readers with its powerful condemnation of corruption and an uncompromising call for social justice. We will begin this study on **Thursday, February 29th from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Parish Center.** If you would like to join us, please call Pat Secino at the Rectory 978-537-6541.

**Last Weekend's
Parish Collections
totaled \$9,013.66**

thank you!





**Join us on Thursdays at Noon in the Church
for the Stations of the Cross
with beautiful meditative music by Claire Neas**

**The Stations of the Cross detail fourteen different moments
on the day Jesus died. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful
way to grow closer to Jesus this Lenten season.**

***“The cross of Christ, embraced
with love, never brings sadness
with it, but joy, the joy of being
saved and doing a little of what
he did on the day of his death.”***

Pope Francis



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Prayer Together in Hope
on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

February 21 st	Our Lady of the Lake - Evening Prayer
February 28 th	Holy Family - Stations of the Cross
March 6 th	St. Cecilia - Penance Service
March 13 th	St. Anna - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
March 20 th	St. Leo - Closing Mass

TWO HYMNS FOR LENT

We have worked up a new hymn for Lent, which we invite you to sing over the next five weeks. We will also be singing the old favorite, *Quietly, Peacefully*.

Create in Me, O Lord



1. Cre - ate in me, O Lord a heart made pure in you. Walk
2. Ab - stain - ing for - ty days from food and drink a - gain, from
3. Show us your mer - cy, Lord; re - deem us, set us free. Drive
4. By good works help us care for all who stray from home: the
5. This Lent, and ev - er - more as hearts and minds we raise, re -



1. with me on this road of Lent - en grace re - newed. Give me a stead - fast
2. dark - ness and false joys, a rem - d - dy for sin. Then through our fast make
3. e - vil from our hearts that we might rest in thee. That as we pass from
4. suf - fring sick and lost, and all who weep a - lone. Teach us this Lent to
5. ceive as sac - ri - fice our gifts of Pas - chal praise. Help us to sing with



1. heart and will to fol - low you to Cal - v'ry's hill. _____
2. us a - new; en - flame our hearts with love of you. _____
3. old to new your grace with - in our lives re - new. _____
4. love the poor, that in them we might know you more. _____
5. one ac - cord as Eas - ter joy draws nigh, O Lord. _____

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Quietly, Peacefully [Lenten Refrain]

Antonin Dvorak
Adapted by Lori True



Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly let me rest in you.



Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly lead me back to you.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday February 17 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 72*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Roger Mayer (3rd anniv.), by his wife (Church)

Sunday February 18 First Sunday of Lent *Breaking Bread, page 72*

7:00am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish (Church)
9:45am Mass for Helena and Leon Snioch, by their son and family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am No Religious Education Classes Today
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rector)
11:15am Mass Andre Bergeron (30th day), by Emery and Marie Anne Richard (Church)

Monday February 19 Lenten Weekday (*Presidents' Day*)

9:00am Mass for Raymond A. Gastonguay, by Wayne and Jan Doucet (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm No Religious Education Classes Today (Parish Center)

Tuesday February 20 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Deceased members of the Plourde and Brow families, by last will (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Knights of Columbus (Chapel)
 6:30pm Sacramental Preparation Class for Reconciliation (Parish Center)

Wednesday February 21 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Lien (Theresa) Le, by her family (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass
 Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Cecilia Leger, by Carol Tuttle (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Thursday February 22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

9:00am Mass for Victor Amenta, Jr., by his wife (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 9:30-11:00am No Bible Study Today
 12:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Friday February 23 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Lorraine Daigle, by Mariette Allain (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass
 Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts 6:30pm

Saturday February 24 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Ernest & Jeannette Aubuchon & deceased family, by Robert and Diane (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday February 24 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Therese Hamel (15th anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

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7:00am Mass for Joseph and Norman LeBlanc, by a friend (Church)
9:45am Mass for Romeo Poirier, by Nataly Ingalls (Church)
 9:45-11am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and other classes through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
 10:00-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectorry)
11:15am Mass Arthur Cormier (30th anniv.), by Jan and Wayne Doucet (Church)



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.



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