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DARING TO START AFRESH ON THE RIGHT FOOT!

The COVID-19 pandemic, which has so profoundly changed our lives, has not been any more sparing of our liturgical life either. The faithful, submitting for the sake of everyone's safety to varying burdensome health guidelines, have frequently and for many months now found been prohibited from coming together in order to experience the liturgy and celebrate it joyfully!

Despite the position of many scientists that the pandemic is here to stay and that we have to learn to live with it, current developments in the various parameters of analysis and assessment lead us to believe that public-health authorities will soon lift health restriction measures.

Consequently, we will be leaving our domestic bunkers and heading back to our churches. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate and share the experience of the Eucharist, the ultimate nourishment and the Church's foundation.

And as we return to our parish communities, how will everything go? How are we going to celebrate together? With inner trepidation? Fearful of once again having to confront the unknown, and the possibility of being contaminated again? Will we be able to return to our routines, to our old ways of doing things from before the pandemic?

For you and along with you, diocesan Liturgy Services have been asking ourselves all those same questions. We can't claim to have all the answers at present, but we are keeping the questions in mind. We would invite you, through the Liturgical Dossier in this edition of the Synaxis bulletin, to consider what the pandemic has given us to understand with respect to the liturgy. What have we discovered? And what path should we take in order to deepen our understanding of the liturgy?

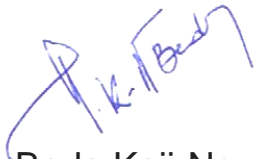
Archbishop Christian Lépine is shocked and deeply disturbed, as are all Christians and people of good will, by the unjust war that Russia is conducting against Ukraine. In his recently published pastoral letter, he invites us to pray for peace and harmony. We provide a précis of his letter in the section *Our Pastor speaks to us* in this bulletin.

This issue of Synaxis contains the section *Echoes from our parishes*, constituting an invitation to discover what is happening liturgically in the parish communities of Marie-Reine-des-Cœurs and Saint-Fabien. You will also find an inspiring Testimony by Father Jacques Dorélien: "With this community within the community, I have a special opportunity to learn to deepen and grow in my faith as a Christian; I walk with my neighbours."

To accompany you and keep you spiritually stimulated, the *Resources* section contains, as usual, a walk with the saints and the blessed whose celebrations

occur in April and May. There are also some timely reminders of certain very important liturgical events. So now you won't forget anything!

Please receive these several resources and reflections with our best wishes. We hope they will be of use to you in renewing your commitment during this time of grace, as our ascent towards Easter is well under way.



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OUR SHEPHERD SPEAKS TO US



Lord, make us instruments of peace!

In his pastoral letter published just before the beginning of Lent this year, Archbishop Lépine invited us to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Peace

Peace! A word of just five letters, but whose importance is paramount. Without peace, everything lies in ruins, within and around us. Without peace, fear and anxiety and grief possess our minds. This is the misfortune that the Ukrainian people and people of Ukrainian descent around the world are experiencing now. The cause: the violence resulting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine!

Calls to pray for peace

In response, voices are being raised around the world and within the Church. Pope Francis has prayed earnestly to the Lord so that the madness of the war in Ukraine might abate and come to an end. Here in our country, the Catholic Bishops of Canada have urged the faithful and all people of good will to pray to God to hasten the return of peace and dialogue and human fraternity.

Standing in solidarity with the Holy Father and his brethren in the episcopate, Archbishop Lépine voices the same plea. He asks that all persons in the diocese should fast and pray for peace in Ukraine and pray for the victims of the attacks, for the soldiers and civilians and grieving families. Deeply aware that, no matter what the problem may be, war is never the solution, and dismayed at its disastrous consequences, Archbishop Lépine also urges us to pray for the entire Russian people and for justice and peace, so that Russia's unjust aggression against Ukraine may cease.

Instruments of peace

This Season of Lent, the ultimate time of prayer, the Archbishop encourages us to make ourselves ready and to enter into it with inspiration in our hearts, appealing to the Lord, the Prince of Peace, to make us instruments of his Peace. In conclusion, for the sake of all the people of Ukrainian descent living in our diocese and elsewhere, he invokes the Blessed Virgin Mary's help and the support of the Holy Spirit: "We pray that Mary may intercede for us so that we may become ever more peacemakers. We pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten those in power and guide them on the path of peace."

ECHOS FROM PARISHES

Father Jacques Dorélien of Marie-Reine-des-Cœurs and Saint-Fabien parishes

The family or intergenerational Mass is the most important moment in the life of the parish and is always celebrated at Saint-Fabien, since this is where the catechesis sessions are held. Families are warmly invited to take part in the Mass: welcoming the congregation, performing the readings, participating in the offertory procession, the *Our Father* and the coffee hour. There is the Faith Awakening program *la P'tite Pasto* offering members' crafts during the *Our Father*. It is dynamic and lively, and fosters the sense of spirituality and humanity among the families. I am really counting on parents to revitalize the Christian community.

I wonder why families only come when we invite them as though to a party for children. The sense of really belonging or entering into the life of the Christian community is lacking.

PERSONAL TESTIMONIAL

Father Jacques Dorélien of Marie-Reine-des-Cœurs and Saint-Fabien parishes

We have a new group in the parish. It is a Neo-Catechumenate group. This multicultural group is exceptional in their warmth and prayerfulness and their love

of singing. Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., we have a Liturgy of the Word, and every Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m., we hold a Mass after my two regular Masses at 4:00 and 5:15 p.m. I am very happy to have this mass. The Liturgy of the Word is prepared in advance, and I find it an extraordinary opportunity for catechesis. There are about 20 of us. The Mass, with its feeling of welcome, the music and singing and the fact that this little group of some 20 twenty people are gathered around the altar, resonates deeply with me. It is like the early Church, where everything was done together - it's intimate.

With this community within the community, I have a special opportunity to learn to deepen and grow in my faith as a Christian; I walk with my neighbours. And everyone is invited to walk with us.

What liturgical experience marked your life, and made you realize the importance of liturgy?

The celebrations around **World Youth Day** were a highlight for me. I try to reproduce simply that festive atmosphere where everyone is welcome. Discovering the Church's eternal youth. On a completely different topic, the online Mass opens up a whole other world to be evangelized.

What effect does the liturgy have on your life?

Liturgy is at the heart of my life. I am deeply involved in liturgy on a regular basis: with funerals in the church or at funeral homes, with baptisms, and weddings and rosaries. It is prayer life in all its forms. I love the high points of Christmas and Easter. Christmas is easy; nothing is too complicated, except when there is a live nativity scene, which takes preparation and practice. Christmas helps me to remain a child at heart. At Easter, I am always nervous; I have to get myself ready beforehand and do a run-through. Easter helps me to mature constantly in my faith in the risen Jesus. It drives me to live the mission day after day, in season and out of season.

And lastly, thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my experiences of liturgical life. I would like to thank you for your wonderful work. I can see that you hold the liturgy close to your heart. The Diocese needs people who have conviction in their faith. The liturgy is essential in the life of the Church. It is the best way of all to meet the Risen Christ, our Lord and Saviour. It is a great innovation to have a lay person in this position, and I keep you in my prayers. Wishing you a good mission!

LITURGICAL FILE

LITURGY IN TIMES OF CRISIS: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ?

My first time at **2000!** I remember it as though it were yesterday, even though that was June 2021. The mutual greeting consisted of bumping elbows instead of a handshake.

A situation without precedent!

Strange, *n'est-ce pas?* But the current health situation demanded it, as the colleague who welcomed me pointed out. At that point I realized that the COVID-19 pandemic was still alive and well. Indeed, strict rules of conduct and protective health measures were in effect. We went from lockdown to re-lockdown, interrupted by a brief respite of de-lockdown. It was amid these difficult and complex sanitary circumstances that the long awaited new French translation of the Roman Missal arrived. The same circumstances, it must be mentioned, delayed the congregation's ability to assimilate this ultimate book of prayer.

Glimmers of hope.

Some good news! The whole medical and health machine swung into action. And as expected, thanks to rapidly conducted research in biopharmaceutics, a number of vaccines were made available to all. Everyone was encouraged to get vaccinated. In order to enter certain places or to travel, you had to produce a vaccination pass. Today, the restrictions have been somewhat relaxed, and we can even hope that a return to normal may be possible, which would be our most cherished hope! But what has this complex situation given us in terms of understanding the liturgy?

A look at liturgical life

As we know, the liturgy involves real actions carried out in a tangible space, the sole purpose of which is to make us aware of the relationship with God and his actions in the material world.

During the health crisis, the restrictions that were imposed prohibited our communities from being able to come together normally for the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist has always set the rhythm for parish life, and so these communities found this deprivation difficult. How many of the faithful are still disconnected from their parishes? Will we ever see them again?

For those who in spite of the restrictions still wished to experience the fellowship of communion and the congregation, everything had to be carried out in strict compliance with the measures set out by the authorities: physical distancing, wearing masks inside churches and following the rules of capacity as laid down by the health authorities.

The burgeoning of alternative liturgies

To counter this unfortunate situation, the Church surprised us with its genius for innovation and creativity. Through exchanges held among various actors, a new way of living and proclaiming the faith has emerged: hybrid pastoral care.

Making use of the myriad possibilities available through mass media and new information technologies, the faithful have enjoyed the advantage, with Masses

being celebrated and broadcast on TV or streamed on digital platforms, of a very interesting range of alternative liturgies enabling them to live their faith: Sharing of the Word, Liturgy of the Hours, rosaries, etc. In their own way, they have endeavoured to live and share together the common priesthood of all the faithful. While in some parishes, Masses were celebrated outdoors in order to accommodate a greater number of participants, in others, those who had taken part in Masses online could come and receive Communion at the parish!

Some questions

So yes, many alternative liturgies were developed during the pandemic. And we are still using them, although our churches have begun to reopen, as though the faithful have now discovered a new way to carry on in their faith in the absence of the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. Whereas they were used to experiencing the liturgy in person, many now tell us they experience it virtually on television or on their computer screens.

Watching Mass! The phrase says a lot about the meaning of the Eucharistic liturgy for many Christian faithful. In this context, how can we talk about a full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy, in the sense devoutly intended by the Conciliar Fathers? Thanks to the 'magic' of digital technology, we have been able to continue communicating. But have we succeeded in building real relationships? Time, truth's best advocate, will tell!

And what about tomorrow?

If all health indicators continue to move in the right direction, a return to normal is feasible. In the coming weeks, therefore, we will be returning to our churches and meeting with our sisters and brothers to participate with them in the preparations for the Eternal Banquet. We can hope to experience this without masks, with our faces visible, happy and joyful to be able to come together and share our faith. We have been given an amazing opportunity to seek out new ways and means to experience liturgies that are living and nourishing.

In order to achieve this, let us take advantage of the excellent opportunity provided by the new French translation of the Roman Missal now in our possession, imbibing the deep meaning of the Eucharist and entering into it as into God's home, surrounding ourselves with his presence. Let us grasp this opportunity to make a fresh new start by renewing our liturgical practices. In this way, the return to normal will not be a mere reiteration of what was done in the past. In the liturgy, our desire is quite simple: to be reborn, but in a different way: by drawing upon all the wealth which the pandemic revealed to us, while nourishing ourselves as well from the rich and enriching tradition of the Church.

Resources for further reading:

- Bernadette MELOIS, *La redécouverte du sacerdoce baptismal et de la liturgie à la maison*. - *La recherche d'une nouvelle articulation Eglise domestique/grande église*, in **LMD** (*La Maison-Dieu*) 306 (2021), 11-21. - Philippe BARRAS, *La sacramentalité de la messe télévisée*. - *Manque de liturgie ou liturgie du manque : à la recherche d'une forme sacramentelle*, in **LMD** (*La Maison-Dieu*) 306 (2021), 49-71.

RESOURCES

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

April 2022



For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

OBLIGATORY MEMORIALS... AND FEASTS

Season of Lent from March 2 to April 17 — *With Jesus, let yourself be transformed*

Saturday, April 2 – Anniversary of the death of Saint John Paul II

This date is civilly recognized in Canada as the “Day of Pope John Paul II”. His liturgical memory is marked October 22nd, the date of the inauguration of his pontificate, celebrating his life and his testimony.

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

For pastoral reasons, one or two readings preceding the Passion may be omitted. Moreover, the reading of the Passion is done without luminary or incense, without greeting or signing of the cross in the book nor does the assembly answer “Glory to you, Lord! »

Holy Monday, April 11 – Holy Tuesday, April 12 – Holy Wednesday, April 13

**Holy Thursday, April 14, Holy (Good) Friday, April 15,
Holy Saturday, April 16 - Easter Triduum**

Easter Season from April 17 to June 5 - *With Jesus, transform the World*

Sunday, April 17 – The Resurrection of the Lord

Solemnity.

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great feast day. St. Athanasius called them “the great Sunday.” Christians sing the “Alleluia” during these days in their rejoicing. *Ordo*

Monday, April 18 to Sunday April 24 – In Easter Octave

Solemnities.

Friday, April 22 – Earth Day

Let us expand our awareness on the importance of our environment with this prayer taken from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Sunday, April 24 – 2nd Easter Sunday, of Divine Mercy

Solemnity. Today the simple and disarming love of Jesus revives the heart of his disciple. Like the apostle Thomas, let us accept mercy, the salvation of the world. And let us show mercy to those who are most vulnerable; for only in this way will we build a new world.

Monday, April 25 – Saint Mark, Evangelist (1st century)

Feast. From Jerusalem, Saint Mark first followed Saint Paul on his missionary journeys, then followed in the footsteps of Saint Peter, who called him his son and whose catechesis for the Romans he collected, according to tradition, in his Gospel. He would finally have founded the Church of Alexandria.

Friday, April 29 – Saint Catherine of Siena,

Virgin and Doctors of the Church († 1380)

Obligatory memorial. Admitted among the Sisters of Penance of Saint Dominic, St. Catherine of Siena applied herself to knowing God within herself, to knowing herself in God and to reproducing the image of Christ crucified. Forcefully and tirelessly, she fought to pursue peace, bring the bishop of Rome back to her city and restore the unity of the Church. She died in Rome, leaving precious documents of very high spiritual doctrine.

Saturday, April 30 – Saint Marie of the Incarnation, religious

Optional memorial. The history of the Ursulines of the Canadian Union begins with the arrival of Marie of the Incarnation in New France in the 17th century. In Tours, France, on October 28, 1599, at the home of Florent Guyart, master baker, and Jeanne Michelet, a daughter was born, the fourth in a family of eight children. In front of this cradle, the parents can absolutely not suspect how much their daughter carries the seeds of a rich personality. Over time, a generous heart, a keen intelligence, an unusual strength of character will be revealed. Her spiritual and mystical life was first embodied in her family and among the poor around her.

Lord God, you led Saint Marie of the Incarnation to the contemplation of the mystery of the Trinity, and you made her an apostle with a heart of fire. Grant us, through her intercession and following her example, to live as witnesses of your love, so that there may always be more of those who come to know you, love you and serve you, through Jesus Christ. Ordo

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

May 2022

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



Sunday, May 1 – 3rd Easter Sunday

Monday, May 2 – Saint Athanasius, bishop, doctor († 373)

Obligatory memorial. Very eminent man in sanctity and in doctrine, in Alexandria, St. Athanasius defended the Orthodox faith with intrepid vigor, from the time of Constantine to that of Valens, against emperors, provincial governors, against an infinite number of Arian bishops, who laid all sorts of traps for him and forced him into exile several times. Finally, after many battles and triumphs which he won by his patience, he returned to his Church and fell asleep in the peace of Christ in the forty-ninth year of his episcopate.

Tuesday, May 3 – Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles (1st century)

Feast. St. Philip, born in Bethsaida, a disciple of John the Baptist, like Peter and Andrew, was called by the Lord to follow him. St. James, son of Alphaeus, considered among the Latins as the same brother of the Lord, surnamed the Just, was the first to lead the Church of Jerusalem and, when the debate arose about circumcision, sided with him. Advised by Peter not to impose the yoke of the Jewish Law on the disciples coming from the pagan world; he soon after crowned his apostolate with martyrdom.

Wednesday, May 4 – Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis, virgin

Optional memory. From the beginning of her religious life, the young Sister Marie-Leonie was attracted by the idea of collaborating with the priests in the work of educating young people by providing them with material and moral support. She had the intuition of the "common priesthood of the faithful" which was to be brought to light by the Second Vatican Council. Following the example of Mary and the women who followed Jesus during his life, she wanted to serve Christ, to be a disciple and a witness, collaborating in the ministry of priests and contributing to improving the quality of life of young people who attended colleges.

God, who made Blessed Marie-Leonie an admirable model of humility, charity and devotion to the service of the ministers of your Church, grant us to imitate her virtues, drawing like her from Jesus, eternal priest and bread of life, the strength to follow the path of the Gospel. By Jesus Christ. Ordo

Friday, May 6 – Saint Francis de Laval, bishop, patron of the bishops of Canada († 1708)

Obligatory memory. First bishop of Quebec, beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980 - In the city of Quebec in Canada, in 1708, Blessed Francis de Montmorency-Laval, bishop, who established his episcopal seat there and, for almost fifty years, devoted his whole heart to confirming and developing the Church in an area of North America that extended to the Gulf of Mexico.

Sunday, May 8 – 4th Easter Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Christians around the world are invited to reflect today on the meaning of vocations and to pray for this intention.

Mothers' Day

Let us highlight Mother's Day during a sermon, in the parish leaflet and as a prayer intention during the universal prayer.

Tuesday, May 10 - Saint John of Avila, priest and doctor of the Church († 1569)

Optional memory. New celebration, decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, January 25, 2021. Prot. 40/21
Born in 1502 near Toledo, his parents were converted Jews. He was ordained a priest, after brilliant studies, in Alcala and used his talents as an orator and theologian at the service of the Gospel. The Spanish Inquisition suspected his extraordinary theological clairvoyance hence he was imprisoned and wrote most of his spiritual doctrine.

Lord God, you have given to priests and to your people Saint John of Avila as an incomparable teacher, promoting the holiness and fervor of Christian life; we beg you: also give the Church of our time to grow in holiness, thanks to the renewed fervor of the ministers who serve you. By Jesus Christ. Ordo

Friday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

Optional memory. The Blessed Virgin appeared to Francis born in 1908 (+ April 4, 1919) and Jacinthe his sister born in 1910 (+ February 20, 1920) beatified by John Paul II on May 13, 2000 as well as to their cousin Lucia born in 1907 (+13 February 2005) at the Carmel of Sainte-Thérèse in Coimbra, Portugal. - Undoubtedly the most prophetic of modern apparitions.

Lord God, you wanted the Mother of your Son to also be our Mother; grant us to persevere in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world; may we thus become, day by day, effective artisans of the kingdom of Christ.

He who reigns. Ordo

Saturday, May 14 – Saint Matthias, apostle (1st century)

Feast. Judas has just hanged himself. He needs a successor to complete the number of 12 apostles chosen by the Master to mark the 12 tribes of Israel. Among the witnesses of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the council presents two possible candidates. Saint Matthias is chosen by God himself, the master of fate and existence. He had been following Jesus since the baptism in the Jordan. They made him the evangelizer of Ethiopia, others made him die a martyr in Judea.

Sunday, May 15 – 5th Easter Sunday

Sunday, May 22 – 6th Easter Sunday – National collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works – Msgr. Jude Saint-Antoine, Episcopal ordination (1981) Bishop Emeritus (2006)

Monsignor Saint-Antoine was born in Montréal in 1930. His motto is *Nurtured in the Church.*

Tuesday, May 24 – Blessed Louis-Zéphirin Moreau, bishop

Optional memory. Originally from Bécancour in the diocese of Nicolet where he was born on April 1, 1824. His mother, Marie-Marguerite Champoux and his father Louis Moreau belonged to two respectable families of farmers. Very early on, he showed clear signs of a priestly vocation.

A man of great piety and a great friend of the poor, he had already earned a reputation for holiness during his lifetime. People called him the good Bishop Moreau. He passed away on May 24, 1901. On May 10, 1973, the Church officially recognized the heroism of his virtues, and on May 10, 1987, Bishop Louis-Zéphirin Moreau was declared blessed by the Pope John Paul II, in Rome. He is the first bishop of Canadian origin to be declared blessed.

Lord, you made Blessed Louis-Zéphirin Moreau, your bishop, a pastor venerated by his people for his zeal, his piety and his goodness; grant us to imitate his virtues in order to faithfully live out our commitments in the service of your Kingdom. By Jesus Christ. Ordo

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Catholics around the world are invited today to pray for the Church in China, on this day dedicated to the commemoration of Our Lady of Help of Christians. Pope Benedict XVI instituted this day of prayer in 2007.

Thursday, May 26 – Saint Philip Neri, priest († 1595)

Obligatory memory. Originally from Florence, he came to Rome where he became parish priest of Saint John of the Florentines. To save youth from evil, he founded the Oratory, where spiritual lessons followed songs and works of charity and he distinguished himself by his love of neighbor, his evangelical simplicity and his heart full of joy, in an extreme zeal and fervent service to God. He died in Rome.

Sunday, May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord

Solemnity. The Ascension of the Lord, celebrates the entry of Christ into the glory of God, the end of his visible presence on earth; it prefigures our life in Eternity. His departure symbolizes a new mode of presence, at the same time entirely interior, universal and timeless, since Christ remains present in the sacraments and especially that of the Eucharist. To believe that the risen Christ has entered into glory is an act of faith. This is also our future: to also enter into this glory of the Father which is promised to us.

World day of Social Communications

Listening with the ear of the heart [Message of his holiness Pope Francis](#). On this day of reflection and prayer on the role and importance of the media in society, special attention is given to the artisans of the major means of social communication, especially to Christians who work in a professional capacity in that field. For the Church, the media are both a privileged place for dialogue with modern culture and a new public place for the proclamation of the gospel.

Tuesday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast. Principal patron of the Archdiocese of Montreal and co-titular holder of Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral. This feast when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, pregnant with a son in her old age, and greeted her. At the meeting in joy of the two future mothers, the Redeemer, by his coming, sanctified his precursor still in his mother's womb, and Mary, in response to Elizabeth's greeting and exulting in the Holy Spirit, magnified the Lord with a song of praise.

DON'T MISS THESE DATES!

In order to better appropriate the *New translation of the French Roman Missal*, your *Diocesan Liturgy Services* is inviting you to attend times of resourcing and support. These activities are offered in French for the time being. Please confirm your attendance : [Formulaire d'inscription - Service diocésain de pastorale liturgique](#). The next one, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. will be held on Wednesday April 27th 2022, *Rencontre - La liturgie à l'heure de la Synodalité* ([Rencontre: Liturgie et Synodalité](#)). [We will notify you if meeting in person will be possible.](#)
[For those who missed the ones of last February 21 and March 23, the Powerpoints and a leaflet for the faithful with the new main formulas are available by clicking on Formations tab of the Diocesan Websites' -Liturgie- page.](#)

On Fridays of Lent, the *Fraternités monastiques de Jérusalem à Montréal*, is offering ten minutes [Catéchèses de Carême](#) on the new French translation of the Roman Missal, during vespers at 6 p.m. at Sanctuaire du Saint-Sacrement, 500 du Mont-Royal Avenue East.

The [Pope](#) convokes the **Church of God in Synod. Synod 2021-2023: [Diocesan microsite for a Synodal Church](#)** communion, participation, mission.

Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but silent, with much in the past but little future. Come among us, so that in this Synodal experience, we will not lose our enthusiasm, dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions. Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth! Amen.

Following the extraordinary 2015 Holy Year of Mercy the Vatican announces motto of [Jubilee Year 2025](#): “Pilgrims of Hope”.

[Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal](#) invites you to a workshop on Zoom entitled: “Building Our Skills in Talking with One Another” Tuesday February 8th and Tuesday April 12, 2022 from 7 to 9 pm. Registration required at rebsherril@outlook.com.

The year 2022 is indeed an exceptional one for the [Pontifical Missionary Societies](#) (PMS) as it marks a series of important milestones.

ON THE ARCHBISHOP'S AGENDA

2022

Sunday April 3 at 12:15 p.m.

Mass at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Friday April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Episcopal inauguration Mass of Msgr. Martin Laliberté, Bishop of Trois-Rivières at Cathédrale de l'Assomption

Sunday April 10 at 5 p.m.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Holy Wednesday April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Chrism Mass at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Holy Thursday April 14 at 8 p.m.

The Lord's Supper at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Holy Friday April 15 at 9:30 a.m.

The Way of the Cross with [Communion and Liberation Canada starting](#) at the historical Chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours

at 3 p.m.

The Passion of the Lord at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Holy Saturday April 16 at 8 p.m.

Easter Vigil at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Sunday April 17 at 11 a.m.

The Resurrection of the Lord Mass at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Sunday April 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Mass at Saint-Nazaire Parish

Wednesday April 27 at 2 p.m.

50th Anniversary Mass at Résidence Les Cascades, Sœurs de la charité de Sainte-Marie

Thursday April 28 at 11 a.m.

Late Honorable Marisa Ferretti Bart Tribute Mass, Conseil régional des personnes âgées italo-canadiennes de Montréal (CRAIC) at Our Lady of La Difesa Parish

Friday May 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Patronal Feast at Augustin Roscelli School

Sunday May 8 at 11 a.m.

Mass at Saint-Bruno Parish

Thursday May 12 p.m.

Funeral of Guy Saint-Pierre at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Friday May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Consecrations of the faithful Mass, Hérauts de l'Évangile at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Saturday May 14 at 10 a.m.

Mass, Mouvement Les Marguerites at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

between 1 and 4 p.m. Youth Synodal Event with Youth Ministry

Thursday May 19 at 11 a.m.

Festive lunch with Jubilee Priests

Friday May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Rite for Admission to the Permanent Diaconate at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Sunday May 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Mass with confirmation rite at Saint-Martyrs-du-Vietnam Mission

Saturday May 28 at 10 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word, 175th anniversary of the Clercs de Saint-Viateur at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

Sunday May 29 at 11 a.m.

Mass (Italian) at Our Lady of La Difesa Parish

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