



LENT

RESOURCES FOR YOUR JOURNEY OF LENT

- Lent 4.5 is a seven-week faith formation program in Christian Simplicity. [Click Here](#)
- Lenten Journey: Desert to Garden. [Click Here](#)
- Lenten Moments of Mercy: 10 ideas for Lent. [Click Here](#)



- Development and Peace. [Click Here](#)
- Lenten Message of Pope Francis. [Click Here](#)

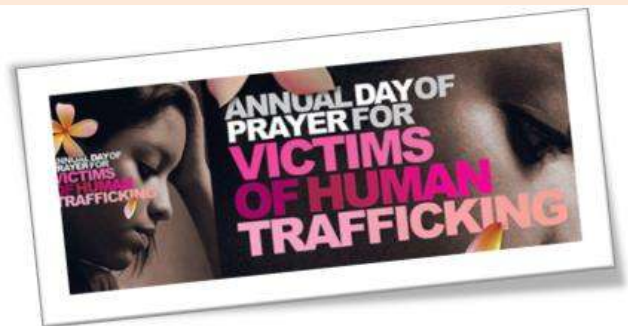


The UN declares 2016 **International Year of Pulses** to celebrate the importance of legumes (beans, peas, lentils, and chickpeas) for international health and local food sovereignty.

[Click Here](#) for more information and [here](#) for ideas to join the movement.

Recommended Reading

- "Saving family no. 417 – the story of a sponsoring group in Peterborough." Macleans (January 13, 2016): [Click Here](#) (recommended by Lois Anne Bordowitz, FCJ)
- "What goes around..." Heino Molls Globe and Mail (February 01, 2016): [Click Here](#) (recommended by Mark Miller, CSsR)
- "Refugee crisis is a demographic time bomb" Globe and Mail (February 06 2016) [Click Here](#)



Feb 08 Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, FDCC

O God, you always hear the cry of your people and have compassion for the oppressed and the enslaved. May they experience the liberation of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray for you for those suffering the torment of human trafficking.

Transform us by the power of your Spirit, to be sensitive to the pain of these, our sisters and brothers.

Committed to overcoming this evil, give us the courage to stand up and work for the rights of our sisters and brothers who live in slavery and exploitation.

We ask this with the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita in Christ our Lord. AMEN!

"Human trafficking is a crime against humanity"

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 15 IS FAMILY DAY!



Share with your Becoming Neighbours newcomer, members of your family and your friends how you deeply believe in them and how important each one of them is to you.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 14 IS VALENTINE'S DAY!

Challenge yourself to do at least one act of love in your life, your neighbourhood, your city, your world. Visit members in the infirmary, write a note of caring support to your Congregational Leader, phone a newcomer and offer a listening heart. Whatever it is, offer your heart to warm the heart of someone else. There is a good chance your own heart will end up singing! Embody hope and carry healing into the world to one person, one seemingly small action at a time.

BE GOD'S VALENTINE!

(Congregation of St. Joseph – USA)

Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto
in conjunction with Becoming Neighbours
invites you to a Circle of Conversation
with LUCILLE CORRIGAN, CND and EMILIA MARTIN
to “pick up tips”
on how to engage refugees in conversational English.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Sunday, March 06, 2016

Sisters of St. Joseph Residence

2 O'Connor Drive, Toronto

RSVP by **March 01:**

Vickie McNally - vmcnally@csj-to.ca 416-467-2641



DANCING WITH GOD



It is with sadness that we share with you that **MARTHA ROJAS** has gone home to God. Martha, through Mary Burns of St. Joseph Church Refugee Outreach, became involved with the ministry of Becoming Ministry in 2008. She was an active member of the Latina Women's Circle. No task was too mundane or too routine for Martha to undertake to help transform ordinary events into extraordinary moments. Martha's companion was Marie Allen, CSJ (centered in the picture with Martha on the left and Esperanza, Martha's sister) Her prayer partner, Locky Flanagan, CSSp, wrote: "I write from Zimbabwe. I visited dear Martha in August, we chatted, prayed and I anointed Martha with the Sacrament of the Sick. I felt in my spirit that Martha was serene and relaxed. I believe that dearest Martha: wife, mother, friend, sister and aunt is with the Lord."

Our sincere sympathy and solidarity with Orlando, Martha's husband, her two sons Ron and Bryan and her beloved sister Esperanza.

QUE LA LUZ PERPETUA DEL SEÑOR BRILLE
PARA NUESTRA AMIGA, MARTA



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YEAR OF MERCY LENTEN RETREAT:

"Open Wide the Doors of My Heart"



PRESENTERS:
PAIGE SOUTER, MARILYN GRACE

9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Saturday, February 20, 2016

Cost: \$40.00 (registration/lunch)

Scarboro Missions,
2685 Kingston Rd.

SCRIPTURE SERIES FOR LENT 2016

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

PRESENTER: DAVE WARREN, SFM

Six Monday Evenings
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Feb . 08 to Mar. 14
OR

Six Tuesday Mornings
10:30 am to 12:00 noon – Feb 09 to Mar. 15

Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Rd.
Open to all!

Annual Retreat for all Women Religious Saturday Afternoon, February 13, 2016

MARY ROSE MARRIN, CSJ
Theme: Pathways to Wisdom

*"Remembering when we were first called,
remembering the road traveled over the years."*
Registration information in the January issue of
"The Open Liner."

TRAINING FOR FRIENDLY VISITORS

Saturday, March 5 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CSJ Administration Centre – 101 Thorncliffe Park Dr.

Training program for people who visit homebound or isolated individuals: listening skills, boundaries, mental health, grief and loss, aging-related issues.

Info: 416-465-6069 infoingoodcompany@csj-to.ca
(register by February 26) COST: \$30 per person
POSTER: <http://bit.ly/friendlyvisitors2016>

REGIS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 5 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Regis College – 100 Wellesley St. W.

Explore learning, spirituality and action for justice shared by the students and faculty of Regis College. You will be delighted with a process of 'Finding God in All Things' through a series of mini-lectures presented by faculty members.

416-922-5474 student.services@RegisCollege.ca

<http://www.RegisCollege.ca/OpenHouse>

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/regisoh2016>

MUSIC WORD AND SONG TO WELCOME REFUGEE FAMILIES INTO OUR EAST END COMMUNITY

Poetry: Kate Marshall Flaherty
Music: Anne Hurley/Jim Videto

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm: Saturday,
February 28, 2016

Grinder on Main – 126 Main
Street (at Gerrard St.)

Donations to aid refugee family.



"For in the poor, the flesh of Christ becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled . . . to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us . . . Lazarus, the poor man, is a figure of Christ, who through the poor pleads for our conversion."
(Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2016)