

PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION

The procession of the Lord of Miracles: an event not to miss during the “Latin American Heritage Month in Montreal”

Montreal, October 3, 2019 – The Catholic Church of Montreal, in close cooperation with *Misión Latinoamericana Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* (Roman Catholic Spanish-speaking Mission) is pleased to invite you on October 13, at 1 p.m., to the Mass and procession of the Lord of Miracles set in October, two events not to be missed, organized by the City of Montréal as part of the Latin American Heritage Month.

“The procession of the Lord of Miracles takes place each year in October. In 2019, we celebrate its 33rd edition. The kick-off event will be a novena two weeks prior to the day of the procession”, says Elias Galvez, the person in charge of the Lord of Miracles Brotherhood in Montreal. “This is an event that brings together mostly Peruvians who are particularly devoted to this representation of the Christ, the Lord of Miracles, patron of Lima”, he adds.

Mr. Manuel de Cossío Klüver, General Consul of Peru in Montreal, contacted the *Misión Latinoamericana Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* last May to invite them to suggest this procession, as part of the Latin American Heritage Month.

The event will start with a solemn Mass and, after the Mass, images of the Lord of Miracles and of Our Lady of the Cloud will be taken out, and a procession will take place in Parc des Faubourgs and the surrounding blocks. The more than three-meter high representation of the Lord of Miracles, weighing hundreds of kilos, will be held on the shoulders of 24 brothers forming a “cuadrilla”. The Lord of Miracles Brotherhood in Montreal have three cuadrillas, one of them composed of 24 sisters. On this occasion, the brothers will wear a purple coat held with a white string and pins in the image of the Lord of Miracles and the group number. Once the procession is back in the park, a group of people will demonstrate their skills as they hold the images and dance to the rhythm of the songs played by the musicians taking part of the procession.

This is a free and open event for people holding a special devotion to Christ.

- ***At the Misión Latinoamericana Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe***
2020, Bordeaux St.
Sunday, October 13, at 1 p.m.

Mass and procession of the Lord of Miracles

Celebrated by father Francisco Hernandez

“The temple is usually full for this celebration! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather the faithful of the Latin American diaspora in Montreal”, Mr. Galvez said. “Purple and white flags will adorn the church to create a festive atmosphere throughout the celebration. We will have the opportunity to repeat the prayer of the faithful blind of the road, as we face the Lord of Miracles image: “Lord, I pray that I may see you! May I sense your presence throughout my life, in the people I meet and in my daily activities, so that I can discover the signs of your salutary presence and your call filled with love!” he added.

About this tradition

For Peruvians and Latin Americans, the story of the Lord of Miracles goes back to 355 years ago. It is a life experience with God, through his Son, Jesus Christ. It is the fruit of the evangelization by the first missionaries who came to the Latin American continent.

In Montreal and for the people having a special devotion, those who left their homeland in search of a new home, walking with the Lord of Miracles, taking part of the procession and showing love, gratitude and recognition is important.

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