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Encountering God on the Holy Ground...
of our relationship to the self and others

That You Might Have Life

Faith Sharing in Small Groups

No matter where we are in our life journey, we all feel the desire for something “more,” something transcendent that gives our life meaning. How do we connect to that spiritual dimension? How do we nurture it?

Popular liturgical composer David Haas helps us to see that holiness is the key to our search, and holiness begins when we realize that we are God's beloved children. Haas offers twelve simple spiritual practices that can help us grow closer to God and one another by embracing God's unending and unconditional love for us.

Join one of our groups!

Monday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Ignatius Parish

Tuesday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Monica's Parish

Thursday 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Saint Monica's Parish

Friday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Manoir Westmount

Additional groups may be added if there is enough interest.

For information and registration, please contact
Anna Diodati at the parish office.

The annual cost is \$25 for 14 sessions (includes book and all printed materials).

Recognizing Holy Ground: The Sacred Space Between Us

Spring Retreat

Come join us for this morning of reflection during which we will explore HOW we can honour our relationship to ourselves and others.

Practical strategies for effective communication and boundary keeping will be explored.

Saturday April 14, 2018
from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Presented by: Anne Macaulay



Road to Emmaus

Lenten Mission
2018

Drawn into God's Friendship: An Encounter with Christ through the Spiritual Exercises

For our Lenten Mission this year, three presenters from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal will lead us on a three-evening journey of discovery and growth with the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius as our road map. Through word, prayer and song we will follow a path well-trodden by holy women and men throughout the centuries.

Drinking deeply at the sources of our faith and hope, we come to know Christ, to love Christ and to follow Christ more closely in every aspect of our lives.

“Sinners, loved and forgiven” – Fr. Gerry Westphal

“Called into the Lord's friendship” – Elizabeth Koessler

“Dying and rising with Christ” – John Carey

Monday March 12 to Wednesday March 14, 2018
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saint Monica's Church

Video Divina

Come and See: Ikons of Love in Contemporary Movies

In his recent encyclical, **The Joy of Love**, Pope Francis speaks convincingly and beautifully of the primacy of Love in human life. Recent cinema offers us a striking variety of movies that courageously examine the multi-faceted experience of Love: its redeeming power; its moral impact; the challenge and struggle it calls us to; the sacrifice and pain it demands; the satisfaction and hope it provides; the fullness of joy and life it offers.

Friday Evenings 7:00 p.m., Parish Rectory

2017 Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

2018 Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18

Join theologian, film scholar and Associate Pastor
of Saint Monica's Parish, Fr. Lloyd Baugh, S.J.

Welcome to Saint Monica's Parish

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Pastor
Catholic Adult Faith Education 2017–2018



On Holy Ground: Encountering the God Who Is “All in All”

Exodus 3:5, 1 Corinthians 15:28

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

 We invite you to follow us on Facebook:
[@stmonicamontreal](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicamontreal)

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**Encountering God on the Holy Ground...
of our Catholic Faith**

**Pilgrimage to
Our Lady of the Cape Shrine**

Join us for a day of prayer and fellowship at **Our Lady of the Cape (Cap de la Madeleine) Shrine** in Trois-Rivières.

Saturday September 30, 2017

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 for adults and \$20 for children
(includes transportation and activities)

Tickets: Available for purchase at weekend Masses
from August 26 - 27 to September 23 - 24

Space is limited, so get your tickets soon!

Bring your own lunch or purchase at cafeteria.

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Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" is a film series that illuminates six people who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of civilization. Join our guest presenters as they help us to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi, to St. Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton, Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of his Church's members.

Presented by: Richard Boileau, Michael Van Dussen, Catherine Cherry, Jennifer Dickson and Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

Sessions 1-3

Wednesday Evenings October 11, 18, 25, 2017

Sessions 4-6

Wednesday Evenings February 21, 28, March 7, 2018

Time 7:00 to 9:15 p.m.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults (R.C.I.A.)**

If you desire to complete your Sacramental Initiation, enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or just simply know more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to contact the parish office for information about the program.

**Encountering God on the Holy Ground...
of the Abrahamic Religions**

Through engaging with other religions, as well as different expressions of Christian faith, we can encounter another aspect of God: perhaps one we didn't even know existed! Try standing on unfamiliar Holy Ground to broaden your experience of God, deepen your Christian witness, and expand your own faith vision.

The format of this series will include a presentation on the religion, a visit to the sacred place of worship, and a post-visit reflection to share our thoughts and experiences.

Presented by: Robert Assaly and Catherine Cherry

**The Abrahamic Religions
And an Overview of Eastern Orthodoxy**

In the first part of the evening, our presenters will explore the major similarities and differences between and across the Abrahamic religions.

This will be followed by an overview of Eastern Orthodoxy, presented by Robert Assaly.

Wednesday November 15, 2017

from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Visit to St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church

Tuesday November 21, 2017

from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting place: Saint Monica's Church

Post-visit reflection: Parish Rectory on **Sunday November 26**

from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will be held in the Parish Hall. Registration is requested for all events except for Video Divina, Contemplative Prayer Group, and the Lenten Mission. To register, please use the sign-up sheets at the main church entrance, or contact Anna at the office.

A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted!

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**Judaism:
Sacred Spaces and Objects**

Join Catherine Cherry for an opportunity to explore our faith heritage through the sacred spaces and objects of Judaism.

Wednesday January 24, 2018

from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Visit to Congregation Beth Zion Synagogue

Sunday February 4, 2018

from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting place: Saint Monica's Parish Hall at **12 noon** for lunch before departing for the synagogue.

Post-visit reflection: Parish Hall upon return to Saint Monica's Church

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**Islam:
Introduction and Overview**

Robert Assaly will offer an overview of Islam and the beliefs of Muslims. He will clarify understandings of the world's second largest and perhaps most misrepresented and misperceived religion.

Wednesday April 18, 2018

from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Visit to Mosque

Sacred space, date and details will be available at time of presentation.

**Encountering God on the Holy Ground...
of our being**

**Oremus:
A Guide to Catholic Prayer**

Become part of a small group that will learn the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life and discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Over nine sessions, you will learn how to express yourself to God, how to hear his voice, and how to overcome common difficulties encountered in prayer.

We will meet to view a teaching on prayer by Fr. Mark Toups, discuss what we learn, and share on the evolution and challenges of our prayer life.

Free babysitting is available. Please make arrangements with Anna no later than the Wednesday prior to each session.

Sunday Mornings 9:40 to 10:50 a.m., Parish Rectory

2017 Oct. 22, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3

2018 Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 18

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Contemplative Prayer Group

Saint Monica's Contemplative Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening, from September to June, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory, beginning September 26. We listen to a half-hour talk on the spiritual journey, and then meditate together for up to half an hour. We invite you to pray with us!

For information, contact Audrey Booth through the office.



Saint Monica's Book Club

Saint Monica's Book Club meets every other week, on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory, beginning October 15. This year, we are reading "Fully Human, Fully Divine: An Interactive Christology" by Michael Casey. Please join us!

For information, contact Barbara DeLorenzi through the office.