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Video Divina Movies with a Mission

Join Fr. Raymond as we explore cinematic depictions of courageous men and women who have lived and proclaimed the Gospel throughout the world, across space and time!

Friday Evenings: 7:00 to 9:30 PM, Parish Rectory
2015: September 11, October 30 & December 4
2016: January 15, February 26, April 8 & May 13

The Two Feet of Love in Action: Social Justice and Charitable Works



In our parish mission statement, we commit ourselves to put into practice the Lord's invitation through the prophet Micah: "To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God." Love builds upon a foundation of justice. Charity implies giving what is mine to others, but justice calls us to give to others what is rightfully already theirs because of who they are as children of God. Come learn how justice and love interact with each other to promote the common good!

Presented by: Brian McDonough
Wednesday February 17, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Rich in Mercy: The Gift of Forgiveness Lenten Parish Mission 2016



"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!"

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"Lord forgive us, Christ forgive us, Lord forgive us!"

It is rare that we know that we are forgiven before we ask! That is God's approach to our failures. How are we able to include this wonderful gift in our daily lives? Come, and together let us find out!

Presented by: Fr. Mike Shaw
Mission Dates: (3 evenings) Monday March 7 to Wednesday March 9, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Except where indicated, all events will be held in the Parish Hall. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted!

The Holy Spirit and a New Way to be Human Bible Study



The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of how the first followers of Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, took up His mission to bring the reign of heaven to earth in His New Body, The Church. This is our story too! How is the Holy Spirit calling us forth showing us the way to a new humanity?

Presented by: Brent Walker
Thursday Evenings: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2016
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Christian Leadership: Empowerment, Service and Mission



What are the characteristics of good leadership? How can Christian faith make leaders better at meeting their responsibilities? The insights and tools presented can be applied in our personal lives, the public or private sectors, religious, and other organizations. Topics include how to recognize and develop gifts in ourselves and others, building community, and the stewardship of resources.

Presented by: Richard Boileau
Saturday May 7, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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, please contact Glenda Cadogan through the parish office. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the rectory, beginning September 23, 2015.

Welcome to Saint Monica's Parish

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Pastor
**Catholic Adult Faith Education
2015 - 2016**



Our Mission:
*Sent Forth to Proclaim and
Live God's Mercy*

Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4:00 PM
Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Weekdays - 8:00 AM

Office Hours
Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM or by appointment
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Putting Ourselves in the Way of God's Love:

Our Mission as People of "The Way"



Jesus claimed He was "the way" and called us to follow Him. The early followers of Jesus, who were empowered with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, were called people of "the way". Jesus calls us now, as He did then, to a way of life. What is this way? To understand Jesus' call to this way of life is to understand our mission in life. This mission is the "Way of God's Love." How can I respond to God's call and put myself in the way of His love?

Presented by: Brent Walker

Saturday September 19, 2015 from 10:00AM to 3:45 PM

(Suggested offering of \$20 includes lunch)

In the Heart of the World



An invitation in the midst of our busy lives to reflect on our vocation as Christian women and men to be Church on mission in our milieu. Like

Jesus, we are called to be bearers of mercy, a healing presence for all whom we encounter, for all creation. Mary, Mother and first disciple of Jesus, shows us the way!

Facilitated by: Sr. Marie Azzarello, CND

Tuesday Afternoons: September 29, October 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2015 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Parish Rectory

(A contribution of \$15 is requested to cover the cost of printed booklet)

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Catholicism: The New Evangelization



The Catholic Faith is about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It's an encounter with Jesus Christ! Join us for an opportunity to explore the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. We will learn what the New Evangelization is, and then witness to examples of new ardor, new expressions and new methods of evangelization in action.

Presented by: Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

Sunday Afternoons: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2015 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM

(A light lunch will be provided)

Families Reaching out to Families:

A Conversation about Family Life



Pope Francis has convoked a Synod this October to reflect on "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World." How can we reach out to all families – of all shapes and configurations – to help them heal their wounds, strengthen their bonds, and more fully realize their vocation and mission, both in the church and the world?

Panel of Invited Guests

Moderated by: Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

Wednesday October 21, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Contemplative Prayer Group

St. Monica's Contemplative Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the parish rectory. We listen to a talk on the spiritual journey, and then meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us!

**For information, please contact
Audrey Booth or Barbara DeLorenzi
through the office at (514) 481-0267**

Care for the Sick and Dying: A Mission of Mercy



We sometimes hear euthanasia and assisted suicide described as "mercy-killing". Many people are afraid of dying alone, in pain, or feeling that they are a burden to family and society. Palliative care invites us to truly care for the chronically or terminally ill with compassion, to relieve their suffering, and ultimately prepare them for their journey home. Join us as we explore this merciful way of caring for the sick and dying.

Panel of Invited Guests

Moderated by: Deacon Richard Haber, M.D.

Saturday November 14, 2015 from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM

Living with Limits, Living Well!



Pope Francis's latest encyclical "Praise Be To You" calls for swift action on climate change, and challenges us to live in harmony with all creation and to practice true stewardship. How can ordinary people answer this call in a way that responds to the growing gap between rich and poor, as well as the accelerating degradation of our environment? Let us explore together the possibilities of answering this call!

Facilitated by: Sharon Di Fruscia and

Members of St. Monica's Faith and Justice Committee

Thursday Evenings: January 7, 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11 & 18, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Parish Rectory

(A fee of \$15 is requested in order to purchase the required reading material)



We invite you to visit our website
www.stmonica.ca
and to follow us on Facebook.

Faith Sharing in Small Groups

Our 2015-16 reflections are taken from the book "Traits of a Healthy Spirituality" by Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND.

Sr. Melannie provides a reality check to help us determine how we live our faith today. In an engaging style, she defines and describes specific indicators of a healthy spirituality that point to the ways God is alive and active in our lives.

Weekly

Thursday: 2:00 to 3:30 PM at St. Monica's Parish

Friday: 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Manoir Westmount

Every second week

Monday: 10:00 to 11:30 AM at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

Tuesday: 10:00 to 11:30 AM at 4375 Benny Ave.

Sunday: 7:00 to 8:30 PM at a private residence

The annual cost is \$15 to cover the cost of the book and printed materials. Please contact Anna Diodati for Information and Registration

Coffee and Conversation

An opportunity for adults to gather together for a fresh and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus. This year we will continue to view NOOMA, a series of short films that explore our world from a Christian perspective. Pastor Rob Bell's reflections on real-life situations we encounter in our daily lives, invite us to search, question and discuss their meaning for us. Babysitting, snacks and activities are provided for preschool-aged children upon request.

Sunday Mornings: 9:50 to 10:50 AM, Parish Rectory

2015: November 8, 22 & December 6

2016: January 10, 24, February 7, 21,
March 13, April 3 & 17