

## Sacramental Living: Walking the Talk!

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes two kinds of people: those who initially say "no", but then follow through on what they were asked; and those who say "yes" immediately, but fail to follow through. Which of these descriptions fits you more accurately? With which of these people would you rather work, or serve on a parish committee? Obviously, it isn't enough just to say "yes"; we have to really *mean* it, and *follow through* on it. If we can't do something, we save ourselves and others a lot of grief if we admit that up front, without raising false expectations. We need to "walk the talk!"

As we launch our pastoral year this weekend, our adult faith coordinator Anna Diodati introduces our theme, "Sacramental Living". She reminds us: *"What is a sacrament? It is a visible sign, given by Christ, of an inner grace. But what does this mean concretely? God gives us gifts, talents and abilities to fulfill the mission He has planned for our lives. When we receive the sacraments, we acknowledge and become more conscious of this sacred connection."*

*But is it enough to merely acknowledge the existence of these gifts? To fully appreciate the value of the sacraments and their transformative power in our lives, we must take ownership of them, and then live them out. To take responsibility for our sacramental life is to live in true relationship with God. We not only passively accept the graces He bestows upon us, we actively respond to them. When we live in dialogue with God, we find Him present in everyone, in every circumstance we encounter. Life takes on a more meaningful and empowering perspective. We learn to live abundant lives!"*

St. Paul invites us today to be of the same mind, sharing the same love, looking not only to our own interests, but those of others. He concludes: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." This is what it means to live **sacramentally**: putting on the mind of Christ, the heart of Christ, the attitudes of Christ. The banner placed over the altar, reminding us of the Church's seven sacraments; the various adult faith events planned throughout the year, the movie evenings, the homilies – all of this will be geared this year to helping us live out our relationship with Jesus by consciously embracing prayerful and sacramental living.

So please take home a copy of our adult faith brochure, read it over carefully, check out our website ([www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca)) and choose what you will do this year to nourish and grow in your faith. It promises to be an exciting journey!

## Adult Faith Enrichment Upcoming Events

### St. Monica's Autumn Retreat

Can our daily lives, lived out in very ordinary moments, be a revelation of God's love and grace? Please join us for our autumn retreat, **Finding God in All Things: The Sacrament of Everyday Life**, with **Cathie Macaulay**, on **Saturday, October 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, for a sacred time away to explore the ways in which we can heighten our awareness of this gift of connection. Please register by **October 1, 2014**.

### God's Beloved – Anointed for Mission: Our Call in Baptism and Confirmation

When Jesus was baptized, he was confirmed in his identity as God's Beloved Son and anointed for his public mission. What about our baptism, our confirmation? Were these merely "rituals" we went through, or was God's Spirit at work gifting each of us with an identity and a mission? On **Wednesday, October 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, in the parish hall, **Msgr. Francis Coyle** will help us discover how our identity as baptized and confirmed Christians empowers us to live out our mission each day – right here, right now! Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **October 6, 2014**.

### Registration To Join One Of Our Faith Sharing Groups

If you would like to join one of our Faith Sharing groups, registration forms are available at the main entrance of the church for you to fill out. If you have questions concerning our program, a member of our team will be available to assist you after each Mass next weekend, **October 4 and 5**. For information and to register by phone, please contact Anna at the office.

***Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.***

## MASS INTENTIONS SEPT. 27 TO OCT. 5, 2014

### Saturday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

4:00 Aniello D'Addio By Franca & Family  
Paul Lauzon By Thelma Murphy & Family

### Sunday, September 28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By the Piccoliono Family  
Pietro Michetti By Rosa & Luigi Salvati  
11:00 In Loving Memory: Costanza & Rosolino Sparapani, Victoria & Giuseppe Rignanese, Michael Saldanha.

### Monday, September 29: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels

8:00 Aldo Tonini By Teresina Tonini & Family  
Mary Ann Collinson By her sister Teri Laberge

### Tuesday, September 30: St. Jerome

8:00 Giuseppe Fiori By Ignazio Mattei  
Emidia & Paolo Turini By Pietrina Paoli

### Wednesday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 Theresa, Julian, & Kevin Rooney By Gary Rooney  
Leonardo Mario Zegorilli By Romana

### Thursday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Luigi, Antonio & Sanda Onesi By Settimia Onesi  
Deceased members of the Lee By the Hyland Family  
& Bruce Families

### Friday, October 3: Weekday Mass

8:00 Ignazio Ciampini By Ernesta & Family  
Mary Ann Collinson By Dennis & Linda Stimpson

### Saturday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

4:00 In Loving Memory: Mike Kilbertus, Deceased members of the Charles McDonald Family, Ignazio Ciampini, Aniello D'Addio, Danny Dupont, Alessandro Palladini, Lucille Wong, Deceased members of the DiFazio & Iacovone Families.

### Sunday, October 5: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenzo & Sante La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
Luigi & Sterina Monte By Sylvia & Toni Supino  
11:00 Joseph Onesi (15th Annv.) By Ida & Children  
Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family

### Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of September 20/21 totalled \$2,399.26. Collection of the Needs of the Church in Canada Totalled \$1,123.00.



Join the  
Youth Group

### \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* St. Monica's Youth Group

Who: Youth in grades 7-10.

When: Friday nights from 7:30-9:15 p.m.

Where: The Church Basement.

Register at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/St\\_Monica\\_Youth\\_Group](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/St_Monica_Youth_Group)

### Youth Group Launch Party

Friday, October 10, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Pizza--Games--Dessert!

We are looking for adult leaders and youth leaders (18-25) to volunteer to make this group possible. For further information. email [stmonicasyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicasyouth@gmail.com) or call Claire at 514-482-7493 (evenings).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

The St. Monica Food Pantry Food Drive begins Sunday, Sept. 28th, & runs to Thursday, Oct. 9th. Non-perishable food items listed are as follows: **Boxes of cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, soup, canned tuna or salmon, jam or peanut butter, canned fruit, Kraft Dinner. Also, needed are disposal baby diapers.** Please donate what you can and place your donations in the Food Drive baskets located in the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting this parish outreach project.

## OCTOBER ROSARY PRAYED



Our Lady has asked us to pray the Rosary for peace and for conversions. **During the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the church.** Come and answer Mary's call to pray the Rosary for peace.

### Mass Of The Anointing Of The Sick

The annual Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will take place Saturday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. This sacrament is intended for the elderly and those suffering from chronic disease or any type of long-term health challenge. Those wishing to receive this sacrament are strongly urged to sign up ahead of time. Sign-up sheets have been placed at the back of the church. Alternately, please call the parish office (514-481-0267) to sign-up. Transportation will be provided, if needed.

### Volunteer Drivers Needed For Mass Of Anointing

Volunteers are needed to drive parishioners who will be attending the Mass of the Anointing on October 4 at 4:00 p.m. If you are able to perform this service, please sign up at the back of the church or call the parish office (514-481-0267).

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED - BREAKFAST

To help serve breakfast to children at St. Monica's School who would otherwise come to school hungry. You need only volunteer for 1 day a week from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. If you can help fill this urgent need, please call Avice Joseph (514) 486-2769 or Sandy Shea (514) 369-0180.

## FAITH & JUSTICE BAZAAR OCTOBER 25

### DONATIONS NEEDED

Please, No donation of clothes or books

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT  
WEEKEND FOR "MAINTENANCE"**