

**VIDEO DIVINA: STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION
LOOKING AT LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE SPIRIT**

Over the past 15 years, I have enjoyed integrating my love of movies with the challenges of the "New Evangelization". In our yearly **Video Divina** film series, we have explored a wide variety of theological, spiritual and ethical themes through the medium of film: Catholic Identity, "Saints Alive!", Heroes of Conscience, Images of Priesthood, Focusing on the Family, Jesus-Films and Christ-Figures, The Sacramental Imagination, and "Movies with a Mission!"

Inspired by the ancient Christian practice of active listening to the Word of God (*'lectio divina'*), '**Video Divina**' takes this 1,500-year-old monastic tradition, integrates certain imaginative and affective elements from Ignatian spirituality, and applies them to the language of film. There were four steps traditionally associated with this practice: '*lectio*' (reading and listening to the Word of God), '*meditatio*' (reflecting on the Word), '*oratio*' (the Word touches the heart), and '*contemplatio*' (entering a silence deep beyond words). Or more poetically: *We read (lectio) under the eye of God (meditatio) until the heart is touched (oratio) and leaps to flame (contemplatio).*

Applying this to the viewing of a film, the same basic approach holds. I view the film, open to the new insights it may bring. I use my gifts of perception and imagination, conscious of sights and sounds, of my intellectual and emotional response to the characters, the plot-line, the images. I allow connections to surface between what is going on in the film, world events, and perhaps even my own life. I become conscious of the values it proposes: its images of God, the human person, society, creation, passion, fidelity, growth, love. I engage in dialogue about what I have discovered about myself, about what it means to live in this world, and to live well. As the end credits roll by, as the music plays, I sit quietly with the feelings, not rushing into idle talk, letting the full experience sink in. Then in the subsequent discussion, we ask questions: *How has this experience helped me to not only see my life differently, but also to live it differently, to invest it more generously and passionately, as a result of this encounter with the living God?*

For our opening film of this year's series "*Stories of Transformation*", ***Bagdad Café***, we are blessed with the presence of a world-renowned expert on theology and film, **Fr. Lloyd Baugh S.J., professor emeritus of film studies at Rome's Gregorian University**. He has graciously offered to come and teach us "*how to read a film theologically and spiritually*" and to lead our discussion. So please come join us this coming Friday, October 28th, at 7:00 p.m.! (in the parish rectory Free admission and popcorn)

ST. MONICA'S SKATE-A-THON

The 6th Annual Skate-A-Thon in support of the Food Pantry will be taking place on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 am until 11:30 am at the Loyola Arena. Pledge sheets are available at the doors of the church. For further information please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at 514 481-0267.



FAITH & JUSTICE BAZAAR - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

We are in need of **bakers, crafts** and **workers** for our bazaar. There are sign-up sheets on the tables at the back of the church. We also encourage you to come and support us and to enjoy a delicious lunch which will be served on Sat. & Sun. All proceeds will go to buy food at Christmas for our twin parish in Zamoran. For more info, call Sharon at 514-481-2981.

Friday: Helpers needed to set up between 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Helpers needed from (9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday: Helpers needed (from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

COOL Youth Group meet every Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish

Event: Friday, October 21 (The Mass – Video 1 - **Church Hall**) 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Event: Friday, October 28 (All Saints Party-**Venue to be determined**) 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wedding Bann: Francesco Coluccino & Stefania Guaiani on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 22 TO 30, 2016

Saturday, October 22: St. John Paul II

4:00 In Loving Memory: Italo & Anna Mariani, Italo Falcone, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Charles J. McDonald Family, Pietro Di Meglio, Adamo Francescangeli, Maria Raco Troiano.

Sunday, October 23: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonia Tarantino By Angela, Patrick & Ida Onesi
Elizabeth & Frank Horrath By Susanne Kuhn
Stephen Kuhn By Susanne Kuhn
11:00 For all her brothers & sisters By Berardina Fiori
Fioravante Rotiroti By Rotiroti Family
Ursula Lafontaine By Peter, Anne & Sarah Wilkinson

Monday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:00 Anna Bavota By Berardina Fiori

Tuesday, October 25: Weekday Mass

8:00 Antonio Cavallaro By the Cavallaro Family
Orazio De Lucia By the Family
Yola Thompson By the Charles Family

Wednesday, October 26: Weekday Mass

8:00 For all Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, October 27: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giovanni, Pietro, Americo & By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara
Argeo Forlini

Friday, October 28: St. Simon & St. Jude

8:00 Thanksgiving Mass By Emma Resurreccion

Saturday, October 29: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Pasquale D'Addio By Franca D'Addio
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo
Adamo Francescangeli By Nicolina Tedeschi

Sunday, October 30: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Eva Richardson, John Cowhig.
11:00 Lorne Spencer By wife Dina Fiori
Rosa & Luigi Mammone By Ida Onesi & Family
Deceased members of the By Mary McDonald
Charles J. McDonald Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of October 15/16, 2016 totalled \$2,720.65

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

"AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION"

D&P is working for ecological justice. At the COP 21, Canada committed to investing \$2.65 billion by 2020 to support countries of the Global South that are severely affected by climate change. While there are many ways to respond to climate change, we believe that agriculture must be at the heart of proposed solutions. It is necessary to support an agriculture model that enables these stewards of the earth to live in dignity and feed their communities in a way that respects our common home, the EARTH. **Next week sign the Development & Peace Action Card.** Ask the Prime Minister to take into account the vital role of small family farmers in feeding and cooling the planet and to ensure their voices are heard.

St. Monica's Food Pantry is in need of egg containers-plastic, paper, or foam to help sort eggs that are given out to families indeed. This is an ongoing request.

Thank you for helping out.

Adult Faith Enrichment

Upcoming events

Video Divina

Friday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory for the first movie of the series, **Bagdad Café.** Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

The Examen:

Holding What Gives You Life

Have you ever wondered how you can follow the Spirit more closely in the midst of your busy, everyday life? Please join **Cathie Macaulay** on **Sat., Nov. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall to learn how a centuries-old spiritual practice called "The Examen" can be used as a simple tool to help us become more attentive, more discerning, and more in step with the Holy Spirit. Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 2.**

Discerning The Spirit At Work

In Our Common History: A History of Christianity

Inspired by the BBC video series "A History of Christianity", our 6-part series, led by **Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Jennifer Dickson, and Robert Assaly**, will help us identify both the signs and counter-signs of the Holy Spirit over two millennia of Church history, and will seek to discern where the Spirit is moving the Church in a post-modern, secular age. Please join us for the first 3 sessions of the series on **Wed. evenings, November 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The remaining three sessions will be presented in March 2017. Please register by **November 7.**

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