



PARISH BULLETIN
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1 – 2 May 2021



St. Monica's Parish

St. Monica's Parish is alive and well! It has been a rocky 13 months, with church closing and reopening a few times, not to mention registration based on the numbers of parishioners allowed to attend.

Still in place, we have the Deconfinement Committee which is a group of dedicated parishioners who continue to work diligently, ensuring the congregation is secure and all safety rules are in place for our weekend masses.

Faith First classes - grades 3 & 6 have been meeting online. The Wardens and the Pastoral Committee have also been meeting via Zoom. Upcoming plans are being worked out and will proceed once we are able to fully re-open. The Liturgy Committee was instrumental in planning the Lenten theme and Holy Week liturgies. Our Food Pantry – this vital ministry has been operating continuously throughout the pandemic, ensuring that those in need have not gone hungry.

Faith and Justice Committee – prepared the liturgy for four Justice Theme Masses. The Members themselves gave the homily at these Masses. The Committee sent three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to our twin Parish of Zamoran for Christmas baskets.

Book Club – In July of 2020 the Book Club resumed its reading and has more than doubled its yearly quota of books. It will start its fifth book, *Wrestling with God*, by Ron Rolheiser on May 9th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. If you would like some thought provoking ideas and lively discussion, join the club! Phone the parish office to register.

Baptisms & Weddings have resumed, albeit with a very limited number of 25 respectfully, and in keeping with the government's measures as is the same for Funerals.

Indigenous Rights

St. Monica's Faith & Justice Committee has signed an online petition in support of Bill C-15 that helps ensure that Canadian laws adhere to Indigenous people's rights. It is now into the second reading and is currently being debated in the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee. Please lend your voice to this effort and ask a friend to do the same. <https://www.faithinthedeclaration.ca/take-action-1>. This act is a small way of walking the path with First Nation People.

Latest news from our Twin Parish in Zamoran:

One of the Sisters, Yulma Bonilla, is working on her Masters in Clinical Psychology and we have sent her \$1,000 to help her with her tuition fees. She sends her love and gratitude to all St. Monica's parishioners and assures us that she will continue to pray for us.

Church Registration Update

St. Monica's will continue to celebrate Mass *in person* on **Saturdays @ 4pm** and **Sundays @ 11am**. Sunday Mass will also be Live-streamed and Holy Communion will continue to be offered after the **Sunday Mass from 12 noon to 12:30pm** for those who could not attend.

Since April 8, 2021, the government is maintaining occupancy of only 25 participants in church (not including liturgical servers and volunteers). The limit of 25 participants also applies to Baptisms, First Reconciliations, First Communion, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals.

Current rules:

Procedural masks must be worn at all times inside the church. Hand disinfecting must be done before entering church. Maintain (2) meters' distance from others at all times. Singing must not be responded by the congregation. Avoid gathering and extended conversations in small groups.

Registration is mandatory and is available every Thursday @ 10am. Please visit our website at www.stmonica.ca and go to the Eventbrite link, or call the Office at (514) 481-0267 x 221 and leave your name and phone number for a call back.

Contact your MNA

We know that spiritual needs are vital. We have proven that we can hold safe gatherings in our churches. If you wish to contact your MNA, you can use this link: <http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/deputes/index.html>

MASS INTENTIONS: 1 - 9 May, 2021

Saturday, May 1, 2021: Saint Joseph the Worker

(In Person Mass – 4pm)

Aniello D'Addio

Antonio and Giuseppe Torchia

from his Wife, Franca & Children

from Anna Torchia

Sunday, May 2, 2021: 5th Sunday of Easter

(In Person Mass & Livestreamed – 11am)

Christopher Gray

Angela Polisen & Emanuela lasenza

Giambattista Onesi

Hazlin Charles

Barry Holdbrook

Annette Valencia

Michele Giangaspero

by Kathleen Gray & Family

from all the Daughters

from Ida & Family

from the Raphael Family

from the Giangaspero Family

by Betty & Ding

from Tony & Sylvia Supino

Monday, May 3, 2021: 5th Week of Easter - FEAST – Saints Philip and James

For All Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, May 4, 2021: Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis

For All Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday, May 5, 2021: Weekday

For All Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, May 6, 2021:

MEMORIAL – Saint François de Laval, Patron of the Bishops of Canada

For All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, May 7, 2021: Weekday

For All Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, May 8, 2021: Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

(In Person Mass – 4pm)

Leonard & Terry Winslade

Peter Duffy

Nicola & Stella Rotiroti

Loreta & Donato Pedicelli

by Dolores Parsons

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by C. Rotiroti

from Daughter, Ernesta

Sunday, May 9, 2021: 6th Sunday of Easter

(In Person Mass & Livestreamed – 11am)

Eugene Mathieu

George Wong

The Deceased Members of the Cinelli Family

The Cullen Family

Francesco Montanaro

Angela Polisen & Giovanni De Leto

from Jay & Family

from Pauline Wong

by Raffaele & Maria

from Jane Cullen

from Berardina Fiori & Family

from all the Daughters