

FAITH FIRST

Our First Reconciliation preparation classes will begin after Thanksgiving. If your child is in grade 3 or higher and would like to prepare for this sacrament, please send an email to faithfirst@stmonica.ca or call the office at (514) 481-0267. To prepare for First Communion starting in January 2023, your child must prepare and celebrate First Reconciliation. Confirmation preparation classes will begin later this fall. If you have not registered your child, please send an email to faithfirst@stmonica.ca as soon as possible.

Faith First grades 1, 2, 4 & 5, will be on hold until further notice.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY: a prayer group composed of children and led by children

Children 5 and up are invited to join this new prayer group to be held in the Church on the First Saturday of each month, from November through May, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. There is no cost and no registration required.

Not sure what the rosary is and why it matters? Come and find out as a family on Saturday October 8 from 9-10 am.

Not sure how to pray the rosary? Come and learn as a family on Saturday October 15 from 9-10 am.

We also encourage families to participate in the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* event that will take place on Tuesday, October 18th. Go to <https://acn-canada.org/pray-more-than-ever/> to register for ACN Canada's virtual event to be held from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. On this day.

For questions, email Lisa Brimo at lisa.brimo@gmail.com

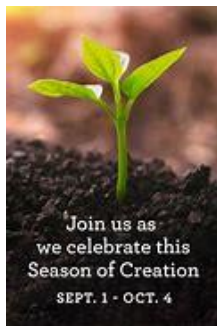


VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Starting October 17th, St. Monica's School will again be offering free school breakfasts to school children who would otherwise come to school hungry. For many years in the past, St. Monica's Parish has been our main source of excellent volunteers. We hope this will be the case again @ You need only volunteer one morning a week from 8:00am – 9:00am. If you can help fill this much-needed service,

please call: **Avice Roberts-Joseph** at [514-486-2769](tel:514-486-2769) avicejoseph@videotron.ca or **St. Monica's School** at [514-369-0070](tel:514-369-0070). Thank you!!

Listen to the Voice of Creation.



Rejoice! The Season of Creation is upon us

As part of the celebrations of the Season of Creation, and towards the design of an environmental movement in our St Monica Parish, we will share some information from the Laudato Si' movement, a network of over 6,500 parishes, families and groups all over the world in support of Pope Francis' encyclical on our relations with our environment, and celebrating the awesome diversity of Creation as a way to praise our Lord and strengthen our capacity to be stewards of His work.

For those interested in following up, we already have a small group and would like to hear from you – please just reach out to Ana Maria, Oliver and Sandy, or email Emanuel.hillel@gmail.com.

The Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, one of the seven Laudato Si' Goals, is grounded in the idea of sufficiency and promoting sobriety, or moderation, in the use of resources and energy.

The home is one of the first and best places we can adopt a simple and virtuous lifestyle. Nine actions toward this goal, for our parish, for ourselves and for our future decisions, could include:

1. Reducing waste and increasing recycling
2. Adopting sustainable dietary habits, such as opting for a more plant-based diet and reducing meat consumption
3. A greater use of public transport
4. Choosing active mobility like walking and cycling
5. Avoiding single use items, especially plastic

6. Discussing together what lifestyle changes you as a family can make to avoid getting caught up in “a whirlwind of needless buying and spending.” (LS 203)
7. Exploring with one another the ways in which you can live in a good relationship with nature right outside your door
8. Spending time together as a family in parks, forests, by the seaside, or just observing wildlife
9. Repairing broken toys and sports equipment instead of throwing them away and buying new ones

These are just a few of the ways we can “aspire to a life of dignity and sobriety, without luxury and waste, so that everyone in our world can enjoy a dignified existence.” ([Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants in the EU Youth Conference](#)).

Yours in faith,
[Laudato Si' Action Platform Team](#)

MASS INTENTIONS: 1 - 9 OCTOBER 2022

Saturday, 4:00pm – October 1, 2022: MEMORIAL – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 9:00am – October 2, 2022: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eufemia & Alfonso Falcone

Elvira Sabatino Nudo

Stellino Maiolo

from Luisa & Angelo

from the Nudo Family

by Dr. & Mrs. Sassano

Sunday, 11:00am – October 2, 2022: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joseph Onesi

Bernice Brownlee

Claire Wilkinson

from Ida Onesi & Family

by Drex Meriales & Raquel Galvan

by Lorraine & Frank Johns

Tuesday, 8:30am – October 4, 2022: MEMORIAL – Saint Francis of Assisi

Marcel Lord

Virginia Lanni

from the Family

from the Di Meglio Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – October 5, 2022: Saint Faustina Kowalska

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo

from the Family

Thursday, 7pm (only) – October 6, 2022: Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Angela Polisena & Giovanni De Leto

from Carmelina De Leto & Family

Friday, 8:30am – October 7, 2022: MEMORIAL – Our Lady of the Rosary

Diletto Castololi

from Elena Di Meglio

Saturday, 4:00pm – October 8, 2022: Our Lady's Saturday

Anne Vermette

Italo Falcone & Italo & Anna Mariani

Peggy Hyland

from Bob & Dolores Parsons

from Luisa & Angelo

from your dear friend, Franca

Sunday, 9:00am – October 9, 2022: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 11:00am – October 9, 2022: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donata Ricciardi

Giacomo Fiori

Giuseppina Di Vita Pendenza

by his Daughter-in-Law

from his Wife, Berardina & Family

by Angela Venanzi & Daughters