

“GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”

This weekend, as we welcome new parishioners and greet old familiar faces, we celebrate the diversity of gifts and talents present in the community here at St. Monica's. What is your gift? How has God blessed you in a unique way? What do you feel called to share for the building up of the community? How will you use the time, talents, and treasure God has entrusted to you?

These are important questions indeed. Some of us are taken up with family duties. Others have particularly demanding jobs. Yet others are active in community organizations which draw on the generosity of volunteers. At the same time, if we are serious about our Catholic identity, then we need to ask ourselves – how do I give expression to my faith, my discipleship? Over this coming year, we will be focusing our attention on **“sacramental living”**: understanding the sacraments of the Church not merely as rites of passage, as “things that happen to us”, but as an invitation to a way of life, a grace that transforms us and the world around us.

To be a “practicing” Catholic is not only about coming to Mass each Sunday, about “receiving” sacraments. It is to say: “My faith matters. Belonging to the Church, to St. Monica's parish community, is an essential part of who I am. Nourishing my human & spiritual development is a personal priority and a communal responsibility.” So over the next few weeks, take some time to meet and greet your fellow parishioners, speak to the pastoral team and ministry leaders, become more familiar with the diverse areas—liturgy, social outreach, faith education, spiritual development, temporal needs—in which you can become involved and thereby grow in your faith.

We celebrate today the Triumph of the Cross: *“God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son.”* So let us remember that we are not alone. We walk with Jesus; we walk with one another, sharing the joys and the burdens. Let us ask for the wisdom to discern our gifts carefully, to know our talents and our limitations, so that we can offer our gifts in a way that is truly life-giving. For each of us has a unique gift to offer: without me, without my gift, the community is less than it can be. Let us trust that our generous God will inspire us to continue to build up a vibrant, healthy parish here at St. Monica's.

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim! Till all the world adore His sacred Name!

Adult Faith Enrichment Upcoming Events

From Death to New Life: Deacon Richard Boileau will begin his series of workshops for persons dealing with a significant loss this coming Friday, Sept. 19 from 7 to 9 pm in the parish rectory. Practical tools will be presented in talks, reflections and discussions. The weekly series will continue until Nov. 28 at the cost of \$90. For information & registration, please contact Richard at rlboileau@gmail.com or (514) 697-9813.

Registration to Join a Faith Sharing Group: Registration to join one of our Faith Sharing groups will take place after each Mass on **September 20 and 21**. This year's program is inspired by the book **Prism of Love: God's Colours in Everyday Life**. Our program provides us with a great opportunity to share our faith in a small group setting over 14 sessions throughout the year at convenient weekday or weekend times & locations. We look forward to meeting with you to answer your questions and to register you to join one of our groups!

Video Divina: Join Fr. Raymond for **The Spitfire Grill**, the first film of this year's **Looking at Life Through the Lens of the Sacraments** series, on **Friday, September 26 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

St. Monica's Autumn Retreat: Can the way we live out our daily lives, in its 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 the 1st of October.**

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. 13 TO SEPT. 21, 2014

Saturday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom

4:00 In Loving Memory: Leonard & Terry Winslade, Natalina Donati Ceccucci, Mike Kilbertus, Deceased members of The Charles J. McDonald Family, Alessandro Palladini, Giovanni Caucci, Lucille Wong, Lucy Gagliardi.

Sunday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 Ettore Lanni By wife Virginia & Family
Giustina & Giuseppe Micone By the Ambrosio Family
11:00 Vincenzo Saluzzi By Maddalena Saluzzi & Family
Jean Pratte By Wife & Children

Monday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Filomena Tasca Caucci By Franca, Marisa, Angela, Gina & Franco
Mary Ann Collinson By Don & Nancy Pare

Tuesday, September 16: St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

8:00 Theresa, Julian & Kevin Rooney By Gary Rooney

Wednesday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 Ermando Giuseppe Nudo By wife Elvira
Jean Gillies Labelle By her Children

Thursday, September 18: Weekday Mass

8:00 Marianna Fiori By Berardina Fiori
Maria Mastropaolo Masella By Maria Masella

Friday, September 19: St. Januarius

8:00 Francesco Masella By wife Libera
Emma Tralbalza By Dina Fiori & Family

Saturday, September 20: St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions

4:00 Antonio Bei By wife Gabriella Bei
Carlo & Flora Ranellucci By Vincenzo & Elena Ranellucci
& Nicola & Angelatonia
Divito

Sunday, September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Italo Falcone, Italo & Anna Mariani, Frank & Rosolino Sparapani, Paliotti Family, Deceased members of the Salvati Family, Deceased members of the Michetti Family.
11:00 Fioravante Rotiroti By the Rotiroti Family
Mirella Monti Trocchia By Sylvia Monti & Nunzio Trocchio

COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

To benefit La Belle Vie des Aînés de N.D.G / The Good Life For Seniors of N.D.G. a non for profit organization is looking to re-open a Seniors Residence at Borden Place (4635 Borden). **COMEDY FOR A CAUSE fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, **September 20, 2014** at St. Monica's Parish Hall. **Doors open at 7:00 P.M.**

Comic Line-up: Heidi Foss, Darren Henwood and Chris Venditto
Tickets \$25 (includes one free drink) * Raffle and Door Prizes
To purchase tickets, please call 514-235-4306 or visit our website at www.bellevie-goodlife.ca

FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

REGISTER SOON SPACE IS LIMITED

Register soon for Faith First. Classes begin September 27 & 28, 2014. All new and returning students must register **as soon as possible to guarantee a spot**. Cost of the program is **(\$80)** for one child, \$100 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further info, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at jennie.armstrong@bell.net.

NEW!!! ST MONICA'S YOUTH GROUP

Who? Youth in grades 7-10

When? Friday nights 7:30-9:15

Where? The Church Hall

Launch party Friday Oct. 10th!

Register at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/St_Monica_Youth_Group

We are looking for volunteer adult & youth leaders (18-25) to make this group possible. Three training sessions will be offered starting Friday September 12th at 7:30 pm so that you'll be prepared to make a difference in the lives of the youth at St. Monica's. Is God calling YOU to this ministry?

For further information email stmonicayouth@gmail.com or call Claire at 514-482-7493 (evenings).

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of September 6/7 totalled \$3,139.36. Special Collection for Maintenance totalled \$1,700.00

BAZAAR

OCTOBER 25

GET READY!!!

Please, No donation of clothes or books