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Treasured and Transformed: Vision for the Heart, Understanding for the Mind

Faith Sharing in Small Groups

Come on a journey to discover the divine loveliness within you. Let Fr. O'Leary help you to discern the love and meaning in all your experiences, even the painful ones. Use the gift of your imagination to create a vision that will nourish you spiritually and, possibly, transform those around you.

Join one of our groups!

Monday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Ignatius Parish

Tuesday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Monica's Parish

Thursday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Monica's Parish

For information and registration, please contact Anna Diodati at the parish office.

The annual cost for 14 sessions is \$30 (includes book and printed materials). Minimal charge of \$5 for printed materials if you already own the book.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Become part of a small group Bible Study! Over ten sessions, we will learn how Mary works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Join us for this extraordinary pilgrimage (video study filmed on location in the Holy Land) that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives and draw closer to Christ as Mary leads you to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.

Sunday Mornings 9:40 to 10:50 a.m., Parish Rectory

2019 Oct. 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15

2020 Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23, March 22

Saint Monica's Book Club

Saint Monica's Book Club meets every other week, on alternate Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory, beginning September 22, 2019. This year, we are reading "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen and "Becoming Human" by Jean Vanier. The Henri Nouwen book will be available for purchase at the first meeting if reserved at registration. Please join us!

For information and to register, contact Barbara DeLorenzi at bookclub@stmonica.ca or through the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you desire to complete your Sacramental Initiation, to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or to know more about the Catholic faith, please join our program. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory, beginning September 18, 2019.

For information and to register, contact Glenda Cadogan through the office.

Video Divina

The Greatest of These Is Love

This year in his film series, Fr. Lloyd Baugh, S.J., proudly presents the ten short films of Krzysztof Kieslowski's **Decalogue**.

Loosely inspired by the Mosaic "Ten Commandments", the films are rigorously consistent in their sharp focus on the pre-eminence of the commandment to love in the New Testament. "The entire law is fulfilled in this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Friday Evenings 7:00 p.m., Parish Rectory

2019 Sept. 27, Oct. 11 & 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 6

2020 Jan. 31, Feb. 21, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15

Join theologian, film scholar and Associate Pastor of Saint Monica's Parish, Fr. Lloyd Baugh, S.J.

Welcome to Saint Monica's Parish

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, EV, Pastor
Fr. Lloyd Baugh, SJ, Associate Pastor

Catholic Adult Faith Education 2019-2020



Dare Greatly! Love Fully!

**"Whoever does not love does not
know God, for God is love"**

1 John 4:8

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

**This year, we invite you to
“Dare Greatly! Love Fully!”**

Let us come together and grow in our ability to love more deeply and more fully. Let us put on the mind and heart of God, daring to look more closely and lovingly at ourselves and others. We will recognize and put in perspective the fears and prejudices that may be keeping us from being present to everyone around us, especially those we consider different from ourselves. Only by doing this, can we experience the fullness of life that is our birthright and our vocation.

Are you ready to dare greatly with us?
Do you want to know greater love, justice, integrity,
and meaning in your life?

Join us and stretch!

**To Stretch or Not to Stretch?
That is the Question!**

Autumn Retreat 2019

In what ways are we called to love? What prevents us from loving others? What blocks us from receiving and responding to God's love, God's unconditional and all-transforming love?

Dare greatly and enter with us into the story of the Prodigal Son. Find yourself as each of the characters in the story. Like us, they struggle in their humanness. We all need God's grace to stretch and become ever more loving. We all need to overcome whatever blocks us from receiving this love of God so that we can become the loving face of God to others. Then, we will be able to live and love more fully.

Are you ready to enter a love commitment with God that is truly transformative? In the safety of this relationship with God, you will discover yourself as a deeply loving and loved person. Join us on this retreat and stretch!

Presented by: **Catherine Cherry**

Saturday October 5, 2019

Time 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Love Is Stronger Than Fear:
Welcoming the Stranger**

As believers, we have the responsibility to welcome the stranger in a gesture of love inspired by faith. We are called to respect diversity and to gracefully encounter those who are different from us in a spirit of mutual enrichment.

When we do this, the barriers created by misinformation and fears no longer control us.

Join us and learn about the real experience of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees living in our community and about how to face and overcome the fears that keep us from welcoming and empowering our new neighbours.

Together, we will create a new and hopeful future for all.

Presented by: **Alessandra Santopadre**

Saturday November 9, 2019

Time 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Love Is Stronger Than Fear:
Healing Our Relations with Indigenous Peoples**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission revealed how little Canadians know about the First Nations who inhabited this land long before the arrival of the Europeans.

How can we, as Catholics, hope to contribute to healing and reconciliation if we ignore the history of our relationship? What can we, as Catholics, learn from Indigenous peoples about dimensions of the Gospel that are especially meaningful and relevant today?

We are bound by centuries-old agreements with Indigenous nations and, as such, we have commitments to fulfill. Dare greatly and learn what our responsibilities are, and how meeting them is “good news” for Catholics today.

Presented by: **Brian McDonough**

Saturday January 25, 2020

Time 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Catholicism:
The Pivotal Players**

Bishop Robert Barron's “Catholicism: The Pivotal Players” is a film series that illuminates great people who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

Join our guest presenters as they help us to unlock the truth behind two of the Catholic Church's most influential people from the fourth and fifth centuries:

St. Augustine, the Teacher, is possibly the best example of how faith in Christ changed a person, and

St. Benedict, the Monk, who contributed more to saving western Christian culture than anyone else.

Presented by: **Michael Van Dussen
and Fr. Paul Geraghty**

Wednesday evenings, February 12 & 19, 2020

Time 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Between Me and the Well

Lenten Retreat 2020

*“Are you thirsty? There is a well.
What keeps you from drinking?”*

During this Lenten Retreat we will ask for the grace to discern the voices that keep us from drinking from the One Well of Living Water. Jesus needed the desert experience to achieve this discernment, and so do we.

Lent is a journey of grace, an invitation to greater interior freedom and the power of love. Unconditional love is the Power of God.

Dare to set yourself apart for a day and let the Holy Spirit of Love clear some of the clutter between you and the Well of Living Water.

Presented by: **Pastor Brent Walker**

Saturday March 14, 2020

Time 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your own lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Suggested donation of \$20 or freewill offering will be gratefully accepted.

**Love Is Stronger Than Fear:
Responding Compassionately to Those
Who Struggle with Addiction**

We live in a society characterized by many forms of addiction. Some people are dependent on alcohol, others, on hard drugs, still others, on pornography, and other forms of addiction. More recently, many people, including children, are living under the influence of a strong dependence on technology, specifically, cell phones and the internet.

Dare greatly to learn more about these addictions, and perhaps more importantly, to begin to explore your own addictive patterns, as together we open our hearts to all who suffer from this complex disease.

Presented by: **Anne Macaulay**

Saturday May 2, 2020

Time 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all events described in this pamphlet will be held in the Parish Hall. Registration is requested for all events except for Video Divina. To register, please use the sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna by email or phone.

A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted!

Special thanks to

The members of Saint Monica's Adult Faith Education Advisory Committee.

All the volunteers who contribute to the success of the Adult Faith Education Program.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Anna at the office.