

“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

Three years ago, at a meeting of parish leaders to discern our future orientations, we viewed a video of Pope Francis' Pentecost homily. In the ensuing discussion, we were moved to embark upon a three-year journey into the “New Evangelization.” As you may remember, we began with a focus on encountering **Jesus**, both in the Word and in our daily lives; we continued by deepening that relationship through growth in **Prayer** and by embracing **Sacramental Living**; finally, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we give witness to our faith by living our **mission**: to live and proclaim God's mercy in the church and in the world. **Jesus, Prayer, Mission**: quite the program! So what's next?

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples two questions. The first is generic: “who do the crowds say I am?” Then he makes it personal: “**who do YOU say I am?**” The world has all different kinds of opinions about the Catholic Church, about the Christian faith, and even about Jesus. But who do WE say Jesus is? Have we met him and formed a deep friendship with him? Do we meet him in his Word, in prayer, in the sacraments, in the joys and challenges of our daily life? Our witness grows in credibility when we embrace and foster this personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus, when we live it out in our daily lives, when we allow ourselves to be transformed by the Spirit of God at work in us and in the world around us. This theme of what it means to be “**transformed in the Spirit**” will guide our adult faith formation and our pastoral priorities over the coming year.

This weekend, we also celebrate (at all the Masses) the many volunteers who through the year generously share their time and talent, helping to make St. Monica's the vibrant and welcoming faith community that it is. As St. Paul reminds us, there are indeed many gifts, but there is one guiding and animating Spirit. So whether you serve St. Monica's in liturgy and music, in catechesis or adult faith formation, in various forms of social outreach, in pastoral home care or on the baptismal team, as members of the pastoral council or wardens – whether you serve regularly or only occasionally – this invitation is for you! We look forward to blessing you, to sharing a simple gift with you as a token of our appreciation, and to celebrate you with cake and coffee in the hall after Mass! So let us celebrate as one community the many gifts of the Spirit present through our volunteers. Thanks and God bless you!

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

**COME CELEBRATE FR. BERTOLI'S ANNIVERSARY**

This year marks the **65th Anniversary of Fr. Bertoli's Ordination to the Priesthood** and **50 years of faithful service to St. Monica's Parish**. To celebrate these special anniversaries, we will honour Fr. Bertoli with a special dinner on **Saturday, August 6th at 5:30 p.m.** in the church basement. Tickets are \$35 and will go on sale next week after all the masses.

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 18 TO 26, 2016

Saturday, June 18: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 In Loving Memory: Giovanni & Palma Farinelli, Domenico Forliano, Alessandro Palladini, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Nicola & Teresa Pitaro, Pietro Di Meglio.

Sunday, June 19: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian & Joseph
Antonio Ricci By Wife & Family
Roberto Ugarte By his Parents
11:00 Ettore Lanni By Wife & Family
Domenico Abbatiello By Wife & Family
Loreto & Paolina Ciambella By their daughter Gabriela

Monday, June 20: Weekday Mass

8:00 NO MASS CELEBRATED

Tuesday, June 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 Angelo Sabatucci By Ignazio Mattei
Paolo Forlini & Deceased By Marisa Forlini & Family
Family Members

Wednesday, June 22: St. Paulinus of Nola

8:00 Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By Piccolino Family
In Honour of St. Silverio By Mazzella Family

Thursday, June 23: Weekday Mass

8:00 Antonio & Angela D'Astolfo By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara

Friday, June 24: The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

8:00 Catherine Patricia By Lisa Adamyk & Family
Murphy-Adamyk

Saturday, June 25: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Tito Forlini By Fausto Albano & Family
Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei
Domenic & Rose Caringi By Ida Onesi & Family

Sunday, June 26: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati.
11:00 Allister Samuel By Rita Alexander
Giuseppina Fiori By her Children
Rosolino & Constaza Sparapani By Maria Sparapani

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of June 11/12, 2016 totalled \$2,987.71. Special Collection for Papal Charities totalled \$1,287.00.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jennifer Dickson and Helen Donahue for the wonderful work they did putting together the Wedding Anniversary Mass last Saturday, June 11, and to the many parishioners who helped and participated!!!



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Office closed: Friday, June 24

Office re-opened: Monday, June 27

TO FATHER WITH LOVE

Some things will always
be in style

Good solid things like
honesty, and trust and
caring about people.

It's qualities like these
that keep us aware of who
we are and what we can
give to life.

It's qualities like these,
father, that you've taught
me to value, through your
influence, your example,
and your love.

It has made me love you
very much,

And has made me very
proud to have you for my
father.



MASS CANCELLATIONS DURING the SUMMER

The following Monday Masses will be cancelled in June and July: June 20, 27 and July 4, 11, 18 (Mass on Mondays will resume July 25).