

**“FOR FREEDOM, CHRIST HAS SET US FREE”**

In today's second reading, Paul contrasts life “in the flesh” with life “in the Spirit.” The freedom to which Christ calls us is not primarily about self-will or self-indulgence, but about the possibility of living entirely for God, offering our lives in loving service to God, to neighbour, and to the world. When we live in this way, then we are truly **free**: free to embrace the identity given to us by our loving God. That kind of discipleship, Jesus points out in the Gospel, comes at a price: it may mean letting go of our need for security, for attachments, for the praise and recognition by others. But it is worth it!

It was wonderful to celebrate all our volunteers last weekend, recognizing the many ways in which literally hundreds of people serve our parish and the broader community. As we wind down for a well-deserved summer rest, let us recommit to the mission statement our parish developed and embraced in 1989, and which is still ours today:

**“St. Monica's Parish, originally established to meet the needs of a people recovering from war, has ministered since then to our changing community. We who choose St. Monica's Roman Catholic parish, are challenged by Scripture and inspired by the Holy Spirit:**

- to come together to celebrate in Word and Sacrament our faith in Jesus Christ;
- to recognize the dignity of each person;
- to appreciate the gifts each individual brings to our community;
- to celebrate the diversity that various small communities bring to our parish family;
- to work for justice and peace in our church and in society;
- to have a particular compassion for young, elderly, poor and disadvantaged people, while affirming the equality of all.”

In this way, we seek to live out the words of Scripture: *“This is what God asks of you, only this: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.”* (Micah 6:8)

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

This year marks the *65<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** in the church basement. Tickets are \$35 and go on sale this weekend

after all the masses and every weekend until the celebration or tickets run out. (tickets are limited).

**PASTORAL HOME CARE**

Do you know someone who would benefit from a visit by a Pastoral Home Care Visitor? OR--maybe you, yourself are not able to come to church due to illness or are not physical able to go out? Give us a call at the parish office 514-481-0267. If you have been receiving the services of the Pastoral Home Care team but have moved away, give us a call with your new address or phone number.

## MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 25 TO JULY 3, 2016

### **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

### **Monday, June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria**

**8:00** NO MASS CELEBRATED

### **Tuesday, June 28: St. Irenaeus**

**8:00** Joseph Rampersaud By his Wife

### **Wednesday, June 29: St. Peter & St. Paul**

**8:00** Antonino & Assunta & Giovanna By Graziella Buscemi  
Buscemi Spatola

### **Thursday, June 30: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

**8:00** Consolacion Galvan By Raquel & Drex

### **Friday, July 1: Weekday Mass (Canada Day)**

**8:00** Ursula Lafontaine By Peter, Anne & Sarah Wilkinson

### **Saturday, July 2: Our Lady's Saturday**

**4:00** Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
Ermanno & Filippo Pozzi By Pietrina Turini  
Uggo Forlini By Vito & Iride Caucci

### **Sunday, July 3: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30** Virginia Batuigas By Romy & Maura Cantos  
**11:00 In Loving Memory:** Fioravante Rotiroti and Beatrice Gagnon.

#### **Your Generosity...**

**Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...** Collection for the weekend of June 18/19, 2016 totalled \$3,090.50

### **ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH!**

If you are new to St. Monica's Church, we invite you to register as a parishioner by filling out a registration form which you will find posted on the church doors as you come in. Once filled out, you can simply hand it in at the parish office, send by mail, or place the registration form in the Sunday collection baskets.

### **HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS!**

If you have moved or are moving soon, please call the office at 514-481-0267 and give us your new address so that we can update our records. This is especially important if you have a donation box.

### **TWO WAYS TO DONATE!**

- 1) You can donate to St. Monica's parish through our website at [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca) and go to CanadaHelps.
- 2) Or, you can use an Envelope Donation Box (you can pick up one at the parish office).

Both, are good ways to donate and receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Please note: With on-line donations, tax receipt is issued by CanadaHelps; and with envelope donation boxes, tax receipt is issued by the parish.

### **HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

Office closed:

Friday, July 1

Office re-opened:

Tuesday, July 5

### **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).

### **OFFICE HOURS IN JULY**

**Regular Office Hours:**  
**(8:30 am to 3:30 pm)**

June 27 - 30, July 18-22,  
and July 25-29

**2-Week Office Summer**  
**Holiday Hours:**  
**(From 9 am to 12 noon only)**  
July 5-8 and July 12-15

**Regular Hours In August**

### **SUMMER BULLETIN** **PUBLICATIONS**

This is the last **regular**  
bulletin to be published until  
the end of August.

However, there will be one  
published for July 3 with all  
the masses intentions listed for  
the month of July and  
another one at the beginning  
of August with the listings of  
August masses intentions.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

