



FATHER RAYMOND LAFONTAINE NAMED O.E.P.S. DIRECTOR

(2016-11-09) Most Reverend Christian Lépine has appointed Fr. Raymond Lafontaine Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful and Director of the Office for English Pastoral Services (O.E.P.S.).

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, M.A., S.T.L., D.Th.

Fr. Raymond is a priest of the Archdiocese of Montreal, serving as Pastor of St. Monica's Parish in N.D.G. After undergraduate studies at McGill in Mathematics, and a brief career as an actuary, he entered St. Paul's University Seminary in Ottawa in 1986, where he received his B.Th. and his M.A. (Christian Ethics) degrees *summa cum laude*. Ordained in 1991, he served as associate pastor at St. Luke's Parish (1991-1996), before pursuing graduate studies in moral theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, receiving his licentiate in 1997 and his doctorate in 2001. His Ph.D. dissertation, "The Development of a Moral Doctrine", traced the historical development of Catholic teaching on religious liberty, analyzing the contribution of John Courtney Murray, S.J. through the lens of John Henry Newman and Bernard Lonergan's theologies of doctrinal development.

From 2000 to 2002, Fr. Raymond served as co-chair of the North American Congress on Vocations, and authored its pastoral plan *Conversion, Discernment, Mission: Fostering a Vocation Culture in North America* (Ottawa: CCCB, 2003). He also served as Roman Catholic chaplain at Concordia University (2001-2004) and as staff member and director of pastoral formation at the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal* (2003-2005).

As well as being a parish priest, Fr. Raymond is a member of the part-time faculty in the department of Theological Studies at Concordia, and teaches at the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal*. He lectures in the areas of ecclesiology, spirituality, Christian ethics, bioethics, Catholic social thought, and pastoral ministry. He has received formation in spiritual direction through the Montreal Ignatian Center of Spirituality, and serves on the presbyteral council and adult faith advisory board of the Archdiocese of Montreal. Since 2012, he has served on the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Dialogue in Canada.

Fr. Raymond is also involved in the preaching of parish missions, retreats, and diocesan study days, in which he integrates his passion for music, film, spirituality, and social analysis into his teaching ministry.

Fr. Ray, Congratulations and Best Wishes from St. Monica's pastoral family and parishioners! God Bless You! You will be greatly missed!

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING AT ST. MONICA'S



This Wine and Cheese Event launches a new networking initiative being introduced at St. Monica's Church. There will be time to mingle and enjoy light refreshments. A guest speaker will share their knowledge in their field of expertise. It will be **held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room**. Limited to 20 people. A voluntary donation of \$20 is suggested as a cover charge. Please confirm your presence by contacting Patricia Tuck at pa.tuck@hotmail.com no later than **Nov. 30, 2016**.

The Networking Team (Theresa Murphy, Ken Saldanha, Patricia Tuck, Arnel Xavier).

TOY AND FOOD TREES: This weekend, please take home one of the items on our toy and food trees that are on display at the front entrance of the church. **ALL UNWRAPPED** toys and food must be returned **no later than Sunday, December 11th**.

WARDENS' ELECTION: A general assembly of parishioners will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 4th, for the purpose of electing two new churchwardens. If you live within the geographical boundaries of St. Monica's parish, and feel that God might be calling you to serve the community in this way, please speak to Fr. Raymond or one of the wardens after Mass.



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND **NOVEMBER 26-27 FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS!**

The Parish Food Pantry is in need of Syrup, Pancake Mix, Tea, and Hot Chocolate for the Christmas Baskets this year.

MASS INTENTIONS NOV. 26 TO DEC. 4, 2016

Saturday, November 26: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Rosa, Irma & Contanzia Sparapani By Teresa Caucci
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo
Vincenzo Patulli By his Family

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Deceased members Albanesi Family By Amelia Albanasi
Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian & Joseph
Mario Di Sciuillo By Luigia Tedeschi

11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Fioravante Rotiroti, Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald Family, Beatrice Gagnon, Deceased Members of The Cullen Family.

Monday, November 28: Weekday Mass

8:00 Nazzareno & Francesca Tedeschi By Martina Palucci & Family

Tuesday, November 29: Weekday Mass

8:00 Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By Piccolino Family

Wednesday, November 30: St. Andrew

8:00 Angelo Sabatucci By Ignazio Mattei

Thursday, December 1: Weekday Mass

8:00 Ettore Lanni By Wife & Family
Maria Brocca By her Niece
For Lee & Bruce Families By the Hyland Family

Friday, December 2: Weekday Mass

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

Saturday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Angelo Caucci, Alessandro Palladini, Mauro Fava, Adamo Francescangeli, Leonard & Terry Winslade, and Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald Family.

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Anna Maria Fiori By Livio & Family
Timoteo Presentacion Dacuycuy By Maura Dacuycuy & Family
Lina Corbella By husband Pietro Corbella

11:00 Julie Prillo By her Family
Orlando & Domenica Fiori Daughter-in-law Berardina & Family
Miriam Brunelli By Ida Onesi & Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of November 19/20, 2016 totalled \$3,639.50.

RAFFLE FOR TWO HOCKEY TICKETS

BUY YOU RAFFLE TICKETS THIS WEEKEND!

The **hockey tickets** are for the **January 24, 2017** Montreal Canadiens' game against the Calgary Flames at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are in the Desjardins Section of the Bell Centre - Section 205, seats F17 and F18 - and include all the food (smoked meat sandwiches, pizza, hot dogs, fries, ice cream and more!) and non-alcoholic beverages you want! Cost: \$5 for one, \$10 for three tickets. Good Luck Everyone!

NOTE: PLEASE KEEP YOUR TICKET STUB—WINNING NUMBER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN BULLETIN OF DEC. 9!

ST. MONICAS PARISH PRESENTS **GUFFMAN 5**

A JAZZY LITTLE CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

AFTER THE CONCERT, REFRESHMENT WILL BE SERVED IN THE

CHURCH HALL. TICKETS \$20 ON SALE NOW

Adult Faith Enrichment

Upcoming events

Video Divina

This year, Fr. Raymond's film series looks at movies and life through the lens of the Holy Spirit. Join him on **Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory to view movie **Good Will Hunting**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow!

Clearing the Way for the Spirit

What gets in the way of your desire to follow the Spirit? What blocks you in your relationship to yourself, God and others? Is transformation possible for you? Join **Anne Macaulay** on **Sat., December 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the parish hall to explore the obstacles that can block the transformative process of living in the Spirit. We will learn practical wisdom and strategies to clear the way so that you may live more fully in the Spirit and improve all your relationships. Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 30**.

Coffee and Conversation

Join us next **Sunday, December 4 from 9:45 to 10:45 am**, in the rectory dining room to view THE WILD GOOSE video, **The Spirit and Our Lady**. Free babysitting is available if you make arrangements with Anna no later than Wed., November 30. All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional info. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or call Anna at the office.

ADVENT PRAYER

BOOKLETS AND CANDLES

The Advent prayer booklets are on sale for \$2.00 and candles for \$5.00 each. These items are at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the **Payment Box**.