

**“BE OPENED”: OUR MISSION OF MERCY**

The readings this weekend share as their common theme God's invitation: **“Be opened!”** The prophet Isaiah foretells a time in which God will open the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, the tongues of the mute, and the dry desert springs. The apostle James invites us to be open to the needs of the poor, and to open our eyes to the ways in which we show favoritism to the rich and powerful. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus opens the ears and loosens the tongue of a man born deaf and mute, and invites those who witness this healing to a deeper faith in God's power to save.

As you enter church today, you will see a new banner hanging over the altar. This banner will remain throughout the coming year, as a visual reminder of our theme this year: **OUR MISSION: SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM AND LIVE GOD'S MERCY**. The image speaks for itself: a little church in the heart of a big city, radiating with light, with the heart and cross of Christ overlooking the whole. We too are invited this year to “be opened”: open to embrace the mission to which the Lord calls each of us – as individuals, as families, as a parish community; open to a renewed personal experience of God's infinite mercy and love; open to living and sharing the good news of God's mercy, so that the church is seen not as a place of exclusion and condemnation, but one of healing, forgiveness, and wholeness.

Stay tuned as over the next few weeks, we explore in greater depths the many ways in which – through worship, faith formation, social outreach, and the spirituality of stewardship – we will give shape this year to this call to live and proclaim God's mercy. All are welcome!

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS**

**VIDEO DIVINA:** This year, Fr. Raymond's film series, “Movies with a Mission”, will explore cinematic depictions of courageous men and women who have lived and proclaimed the Gospel throughout space and time. Join him on **Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory for the first movie of the series, **Restless Heart**, which depicts the life of St. Augustine. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

**ST. MONICA'S AUTUMN RETREAT**

What is my mission? How is it shaped by my relationship with Christ? Jesus claimed He was “The Way”, and called us to follow Him. To understand Jesus' call to this “Way” of life is to understand our mission in life. Please join us for our autumn retreat, **Putting Ourselves in the Way of God's Love: Our Mission as People of “The Way”**, with **Brent Walker**, on **Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**, to explore how we can respond to God's call, and put ourselves in the “Way” of His love! Suggested offering of \$20 includes lunch. Please register by **September 17**.

**REGISTRATION TO JOIN A FAITH SHARING GROUP**

Registration to join one of our Faith Sharing groups will take place after each Mass on **September 19 & 20**. This year, our reflections are taken from the book **Traits of a Healthy Spirituality** by Melannie Svoboda, SND. Groups meet for 14 sessions throughout the year at convenient weekday or weekend times and locations. Please contact Anna through the parish office or at [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca) for information and to register by October 4.



**THE WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT PROGRAM** will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Villa Saint-Martin, 9451 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds (just west of Highway 13). Registration: 9:15 a.m., Animator: Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Thought-provoking presentations with references to Scriptural passages and the works of renowned spiritual writers; related music; quiet time for personal reflection and prayer; Eucharistic celebration; sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Please bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Pre-registration not required. Info: (514) 684-1290. Plan to gift yourself with a few hours of rich spiritual nourishment in the company of women who share your values; your inner longing to deepen your relationship with God; and your desire to grow in faith and hope. Enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Villa as you ponder the theme-of-the-day.

## MASS INTENTIONS AUG. 29 TO SEPT. 6, 2015

### Saturday, September 5: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Franco & Rosolino Sparapani By Teresa Caucci  
Aniello D'Addio By Franca D'Addio & Family

### Sunday, September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Colombo & Emma Salvati,  
and Luigi & Alba Paliotti.

11:00 Emidia & Marco Agostini By the Family  
John Orel By Hilda & Evi Orel

### Monday, September 7: Weekday Mass (Labour Day)

8:00 Giovanna, Pietro, Americo & Argeo Forlini By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara

### Tuesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Luigi, Antonio & Sanda Onesi By Settimia Onesi

### Wednesday, September 9: St. Peter Claver

8:00 Helen Hibberd By Gerry Fuller

### Thursday, September 10: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giovanni Salcito By his wife Antonietta Salcito

### Friday, September 11: Weekday Mass

8:00 Emil Johnson By Mariela Johnson, and Olivia & Marie

### Saturday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci  
Fiori Family By daughter-in-law Berardina

### Sunday, September 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta la Posta  
Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By Piccolino Family

11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald Family, Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Francesco Supino, Michael Collins by Mary Ohanessian.

**Your Generosity:** Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of August 29/30 totalled \$ 2,626.20

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you desire to renew your faith, complete your Sacramental Initiation, enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or to know more about our faith, please contact Glenda Cadogan through the parish office for information about our program. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the rectory, **beginning September 23, 2015.**

### ST. MONICA'S CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP



St. Monica's Contemplative Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory beginning September 22. After listening to a talk on the spiritual journey, we meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us! For information, please contact Audrey Booth or Barbara DeLorenzi through the parish office.

*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.*

### CHANGES TO LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALETES

In October, the number of Living With Christ daily missalettes will be reduced to 40 per month. The Sunday Yearly Mass Books 2015/2016 edition will be increased. This will help us reduce the high cost of booklets. To order your own personal Living With Christ daily missalette, you can order by internet: [novalis.ca/LC1506](http://novalis.ca/LC1506), email: [living@novalis.ca](mailto:living@novalis.ca) or call toll free: 1-800-387-7164.



### ST. MONICA'S PARISH BAZAAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

NOW COLLECTING ITEMS

MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION



(NO CLOTHES OR BOOKS)

### FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2015 /2016 season are available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory.

All new and returning students were asked to fill out a form and return it the rectory before August 15 to guarantee a spot.

### PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

The cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 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](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net)

**CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON  
THE WEEKEND OF  
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2015.**