

LIVING FAITH: EXPRESSED IN WORKS

In today's second reading, the apostle James challenges us to express our faith through **works**. He stresses the "corporal works of mercy": feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, welcoming the stranger. Without such concrete action, "faith by itself, without works, is dead." Strong and uncompromising words, which echo Jesus' invitation in the Gospel to take up our cross each day and follow him!

Through what works will we make OUR faith real and living? Which actions will give most powerful expression to our fundamental identity? In our parish mission statement, we make this commitment: *"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."*

This weekend, as we celebrate the beginning of a new pastoral year, as we bless our new front steps and pillars, let us renew our commitment to live our faith through concrete works of love. Let us make an effort to participate in our retreat day with Brent Walker this coming Saturday, placing ourselves in "the Way" of God's love. Let us prayerfully consider, as individuals and as a parish community, how we are called to respond to the refugee crisis. And may we all be good stewards of the time, talent, and treasure our good and generous God has entrusted to us. More on this theme in the weeks to come!

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS**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 next weekend, **Sept. 19 and 20**. This year, our reflections are taken from the book **Traits of a Healthy Spirituality** by Melannie Svoboda, SND. Our program provides us with a great opportunity to share our faith in a small group setting over 14 sessions throughout the year at convenient weekday or weekend times and locations. We look forward to meeting with you to answer your questions and to register you to join one of our groups!

"IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD"

This is an invitation in the midst of our busy lives to reflect on our vocation as Christian women and men to be Church on mission in our milieu. Over five weekly sessions, **Sr. Marie Azzarello, CND**, will be our guide as we take time to ponder how, like Jesus, we are called to be bearers of mercy, a healing presence for all whom we encounter, for all creation. Join us on **Tuesday afternoons, Sept. 29 to Oct. 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** in the Parish Rectory. A fee of \$15 is requested in order to purchase the printed booklet. Please register by **September 25**.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 5 TO 13, 2015

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 Ones, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Francesco Supino, Michael Collins by Mary Ohanessian.

Monday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Domenico & Giovanna Santini By Alessandrina Caucci

Tuesday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Wednesday, September 16: St. Cornelius, & St. Cyprian

8:00 Peter McKenna By Linda Pefanis

Thursday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 Ermando Giuseppe Nudo By wife Elvira
Elcira & Alfredo Leon By Elcira Leon

Friday, September 18: Weekday Mass

8:00 Madonna Della Libera & Santo By Guiseppina Lalla
Antonio & Padre Pio

Saturday, September 19: St. Januarius

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Mike Kilbertus, Alessandro Palladini, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Francisco Masella.

Sunday, September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian Teodori
Giovanni, Maria & Elena Piccolino By Piccolino Family
11:00 Rosolino & Costanza Sparapani By Maria Sparapani
Babby Anthony Aiello By his father Carmelo Aiello
Pietro Di Meglio By his Wife & Family

Your Generosity: Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of September 5/6 totalled \$2,891.45. Collection for Maintenance totalled \$1,234.00.

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.**

OPEN HOUSE – LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

“Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Financial Aid is available to students who qualify.”

WELCOME BACK WEEKEND

On this Welcome Back Weekend, we pray in thanksgiving for the safe return of our parishioners refreshed, rested and renewed. As we embark on a new season of faith enrichment for our parish community, may discernment and prayer lead us to fully participate in the sessions offered which will help us deepen our awareness of the richness of our faith.

OPEN HOUSE - SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL

If you are a 5th or 6th grade girl considering enrolment at Sacred Heart, the Catholic all girls' high school in Montreal, you are invited to visit the school during Open House on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. at 3635 Atwater Ave. Parking is available. For information, call 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

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

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



**ST. MONICA'S PARISH BAZAAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015
NOW COLLECTING ITEMS
MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION
(NO CLOTHES OR BOOKS)**

BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS

Urgently Needed: Volunteers to help serve breakfast to children at St. Monica's School who would otherwise come to school hungry. You need only volunteer for (one) day a week from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. If you can help fill this urgent need, please call Avice Joseph at 514-486-2769 or Sandy Shea 514-369-0180.

