

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Anniversaries are special occasions. And what a weekend this is! For we celebrate not just one, but **three** anniversaries of priestly ordination: for Fr. Adelchi Bertoli, on July 8, 1951, at the Duomo SS. Ermacora e Fortunato di Udine; for Fr. Gerald Westphal, right here at St. Monica's, on September 17, 1976; and finally for myself, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, on August 30, 1991. Combined, that makes a total of 130 years of service in the priesthood of Jesus Christ – 63 spent right here at St. Monica's!

In the readings specially chosen for this Mass, we bear witness to a vision of priesthood which we share: anointing in the Holy Spirit and the call to proclaim justice, freedom, and mercy (Isaiah); thanksgiving, humility, and the call to shared ministry (Philippians); and most poignantly, in the conclusion of John's Gospel, the call to love and friendship with Jesus, to generous service as shepherds of his flock, to self-gift and surrender to God's will, even unto death. It is a tall task to embrace, but made possible by the grace of God, by the generous support of loving family and friends of integrity, and by a supportive community to whom and with whom we serve. For all of these, we are profoundly grateful!

Thank you to all those who have helped – not only in this celebration, but also in the individual celebrations for myself in July and for Fr. Bertoli in August. May this beautiful prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola express our desire to continue to serve the Lord and his people for many years to come.

Take, Lord, Receive

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my understanding, my entire will, all that I have and possess.
You have given all to me. To You, O Lord, I return it.
All is yours, dispose of it according to your will.
Give me your love and your grace, for this is enough for me.*

<p align="center">FAITH FIRST CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2016</p>
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BEFORE YOUR FALL AGENDA FILLS UP...

Consider registering for the Parish Vitality Conference "Unleashing Our Gifts", to be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Nov. 10, and La Plaza – Holiday Inn, Nov. 11-12. Headlining the conference is Deacon Keith Stroh, who will explore the different ways that ordinary people like us - "called to do extraordinary things" - can do so through the gifts we have received from God. In addition to delivering the keynote address, the contributing author to *Becoming a*



Parish of Intentional Disciples will also give four of the 17 "How-To" workshops being offered.

The conference schedule, list of workshops and registration information are in a **brochure** available here in our parish or online at: parishvitality.com.

"COOL YOUTH GROUP" WELCOME BACK POT LUCK DINNER!

Youth grades 7-10 are welcome with their families. Bring some food to share and have fun, faith and fellowship with your friends on Friday, September 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. For more information email stmonicasyouth@gmail.com or contact Claire at 514-482-7493. See you all then!"

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS**STARTING THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

New Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPT. 17 TO 25, 2016

Saturday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

4:00 Pietro Di Meglio By Wife & Family
 Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei
 Deceased members of the By Mary McDonald
 Charles McDonald Family

Sunday, September 18: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti,
 and Emma & Colombo Salvati.
10:30 Rosolino & Constanza Sparapani By Maria Sparapani
 Babby Anthony Aiello By his father Carmelio Aiello
 Emma Trancesco Buonamici By daughter Nicolina

Monday, September 19: St. Januarius

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Caga By Rosa Emard
 Francesco Masella By his wife Liberia Masella

Tuesday, September 20: St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-San, and Companions

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Wednesday, September 21: St. Matthew

8:00 Domenico Ciamprini By Emidia Albanesi

Thursday, September 22: Weekday Mass

8:00 Special Intention for Sergio By Norma & Eduardo
 Msgr. T. Mooney & Joseph Mui By the Hyland Family

Friday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

8:00 Jacqueline & Pete Nugent By son Peter Nugent

Saturday, September 24: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Jonathan Castilho By Olivia Johnson
 Tito Forlini By Fausto & Albano Forlini & Family
 Leonardo Ricciardi By son Giovanni Ricciardi

Sunday, September 25: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian & Joseph
 Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo
11:00 In Loving Memory: Norina & Giovanni Ones, Fioravante
 Rotiroti, Beatrice Gagnon, Sandra MacDonald.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of Sept. 10/11, 2016 totalled \$2,886.00.

Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming events

St. Monica's Faith Sharing Registration and Special "Come and See" Session

This year, our reflections are taken from the books **Traits of a Healthy Spirituality** and **In Steadfast Love** by Melannie Svoboda. Groups meet for 14 sessions throughout the year at convenient weekday or weekend times and locations. If you would like to join one of our Faith Sharing groups, please fill out a registration form at the church entrance by **October 2**. If you would like to sample a Faith Sharing session before you register for the program, you are invited to attend our special **"Come and See"** session on **Saturday, October 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**, to experience what we do. Please fill out the appropriate **"Come and See"** registration form before **September 28** if you plan to attend. If you have questions, someone will be available to

answer them after each Mass on the weekend of **October 1 and 2**. For more information, please contact Anna at the office.

St. Monica's

Contemplative Prayer Group

St. Monica's Contemplative Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory beginning this coming **Tuesday, September 20**. After listening to a talk on the spiritual journey, we meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us! For information, please call Audrey Booth through the parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you desire to complete your Sacramental Initiation, enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or just simply know more about our faith, please contact Glenda Cadogan through the parish office. The R.C.I.A. group meets on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory, beginning **September 28**.

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.

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.