

THANKSGIVING: AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

In this weekend's Gospel, ten lepers experience healing from their encounter with Jesus, but only one comes back to give thanks. It is so easy to take God's many gifts for granted! Our annual celebration of Thanksgiving is a reminder of how important it is, throughout the year, to cultivate an "attitude of gratitude" for all of God's gifts: the gifts of creation, the produce of the earth, the fruits of human labour, and most of all, our families and friends, our neighbours both near and far, the people in whom we meet God's image and likeness.

It is harvest-time: a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go before us, and whose love is with us forever. As days shorten, as weather cools, as leaves change to red and gold and begin to fall, we reflect on changes, remembering that we too grow and change, as we move from one season of life to another.

The Thanksgiving altar display, the apple we receive as we leave church today, are designed to inspire within us grateful hearts for the bounty of God's creation. As we continue to support the important work of evangelization in our parish, as we respond to the needs of our world through our food pantry, our refugee committee, our twin parish in Zamoran, and so many other outreach programs, may the spirit of gratitude echo in our hearts and lead us to greater generosity.



All we have received comes from our generous God. Each of us is called to be generous in sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, building up the reign of God that Jesus came to inaugurate. So let us be grateful for all those at St. Monica's who share their gifts so graciously, helping our parish to become more and more a place of welcome and outreach, of faith and fellowship, of praise and thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving to your all!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN "AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION"

This Fall, the Development & Peace "At the Heart of the Action" campaign invites us to revisit highlights of the organization's work over the last 50 years and to continue our commitment towards building a just world. When we act together change is possible. For more information about the history and work of Development & Peace read the materials that will be inserted the bulletin over the next few weeks.

THANKSGIVING APPLES

We would like to thank Mr. Robert Charbonneau of **Les Jardins du Marché de l'Ouest** for once again providing us with the delicious apples which add such a special touch to our Thanksgiving celebration at St. Monica's!



MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The annual Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will take place Saturday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. The Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness. According to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the sacrament is intended for "those who are seriously sick; patients before serious surgery; elderly people who are very weak; sick children old enough to understand and be comforted by the sacrament." Parishioners wishing to receive this sacrament are strongly urged to sign up ahead of time. Sign-up sheets have been placed at the back of the church. Alternately, please call the parish office (514-481-0267) to sign-up. Transportation will be provided, if needed.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR THE MASS OF THE ANOINTING

Volunteers are needed to drive parishioners who will be attending the Mass of the Anointing on October 22 at 4:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please sign up at the back of the church or call the office (514-481-0267).

**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND (OCTOBER 15/16, 2016)
AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.**

LOONIES and SPARE CHANGE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 8 TO 16, 2016

Saturday, October 8: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei
DiFazio & Iacovona Family By the Children
Linus Doyle By Marion & Family

Sunday, October 9: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti,
Emma & Colombo Salvati
11:00 Giacomo Fiori By his wife Berardina & Family
Deceased members of the By Mary MacDonald
Charles J. McDonald Family
Sterina & Luigi Monte By Tony & Silvia Supino

Monday, October 10: Thanksgiving Day/Weekday Mass

8:00 Domenica & Antonio Poliziani By Rosa Emard

Tuesday, October 11: St. John XXIII

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Wednesday, October 12: Weekday Mass

8:00 Ursula Lafontaine By Peter, Anne & Sarah Wilkinson
Mr. & Mrs. D. Ambrosio By Son & Family
Michele Mustillo By Maria Perluzzi

Thursday, October 13: Weekday Mass

8:00 Ursula Lafontaine By Fr. Ray Lafontaine

Friday, October 14: St. Callistus

8:00 Ettore Lanni By Wife & Family
Norberto Taroy By Emma & Family

Saturday, October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus/Avila

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Antonio & Vincenzo La Posta By Concetta la Posta
Deceased members of the Charles By Mary McDonald
J. McDonald Family

Sunday, October 16: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Mirella Trocehia By Sylvia & Tony Supino
Frank Supino By Tony Supino
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Beatrice Gagnon, Deceased members of the
Cullen Family, Antonia Tarantino.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of October 1/2, 2016 totalled \$3, 416.20.

**FAITH & JUSTICE
BAZAAR
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 29, 2016**



**YOUR DONATIONS OF NEW OR NEARLY-NEW ITEMS
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
(PLEASE - NO CLOTHES OR BOOKS)**

**PASTORAL HOME CARE BREAKFAST/MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, FROM 8:30 TO 11:00 A.M.
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Adult Faith Enrichment

Upcoming events Transformed by the Holy Spirit – Autumn Retreat

How are we, a people transformed from within by the Spirit of Jesus, called to live out this good news in our own lives, in the life of our parish community, in our mission to the world? Join us for **Transformed by the Holy Spirit**, with **Elizabeth Koessler**, on **Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, for a morning of reflection, prayer, and transformation inspired by the spirituality of St. Teresa of Avila. You are invited to bring your own lunch for our fellowship meal. Hot and cold beverages and dessert will be provided. Please register by **October 12**.

Coffee and Conversation

Join us on **Sunday, October 23, from 9:45 to 10:45 am**, in the rectory dining room for an opportunity to experience a deeper and more meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit. Our video series this year is **The Wild Goose** (ancient Celtic term for the Holy Spirit) with Fr. Dave Pivonka. Our first session is **God's Love Poured Out**. If you require our free babysitting service, please make arrangements with Anna no later than Wednesday, October 19. Please note that **The Wild Goose** is for all the adults of our parish to enjoy, and that registration by **October 21** is requested.

Video Divina

Friday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory—movie **Bagdad Café**. Free admission and popcorn. 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.