

OUR COMMITMENT: STEWARDS OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Over the past few weeks, we have reflected on the spirituality of stewardship from many different angles. We have listened as Marcelle, Iain and Simon gave witness to the way in which they share their time, talent, and treasure with our faith community. This week, we are all invited to commit ourselves anew to the support of our parish, *by reading and praying over the commitment card placed in this week's bulletin, and by returning it next week.*

As a pastor, I always find it hard to bring up the issue of money, but I take comfort in the fact that it was a topic Jesus returned to time and again in his preaching and parables! Although everything we have ultimately comes from God, God understands that we have mortgages, bills, family commitments and legitimate needs. At the same time, the Gospel calls us to financial stewardship which is **planned, prioritized, proportionate, and progressive**. This means that our giving should be *prayerfully considered*, it should be a *priority* in our budget rather than an afterthought, and that we may want to think more in terms of a *percentage* of our income rather than a flat amount, while remaining open to a *gradual increase* in that support.

To facilitate this process, St. Monica's Parish is pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and to view your complete online giving history. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 separate cheques or prepare 52 envelopes. When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending Mass at St. Monica's, this program allows your weekly (or monthly, or quarterly) offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

If you would like to start giving online then simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the parish website at www.stmonica.ca
2. Click on the **Donate** button
3. Follow the onscreen instructions on how to start giving with **CanadaHelps**.



While you prayerfully consider how you are being called to financially support your parish, please know that we take security concerns very seriously. More about this in next week's bulletin, or on our website!

“ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS”**Catholicism: The New Evangelization**

Join Fr. Raymond this Sunday afternoon, **Oct. 25 and again on Nov. 1 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the parish hall for an opportunity to explore the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. A light lunch will be provided on **Oct. 25**, and we will have an opportunity to purchase our lunch in support of our twin parish in Zamoran at the Bazaar next week, **Nov. 1!**

Video Divina

Join Fr. Raymond for **Amazing Grace**, the second film of this year's "Movies with a Mission" series, on Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Coffee and Conversation

Join us for an opportunity to gather together for a fresh and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus. This year, we will continue to view the **NOOMA** series of short films. Pastor Rob Bell's reflections, invite us to search, question and discuss their meaning for us. Our first session is "**Trees – Do our lives even matter?**" Join us on **Sunday, November 8, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room. Babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 6**.

Care for the Sick and Dying: A Mission of Mercy

We sometimes hear euthanasia and assisted suicide described as "mercy-killing". Palliative care invites us to truly care for the chronically or terminally ill with compassion, to relieve their suffering, and ultimately prepare them for their journey home. Join Deacon Richard Haber, M.D. and a panel of invited guests on **Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the parish hall to learn about this merciful way of caring for the sick and dying. Transportation is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 12**.

MASS INTENTIONS OCT. 24 TO NOV. 1, 2015

Saturday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret

4:00 Lodovica & Maria DeCiccio By Brother
Antonio Bei By Gabriella Bei & Family

Sunday, October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonio Cavallaro By his Family
Giovanni, Maria & Elena Piccolino By Piccolino Family
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Fioravante Rotiroti, Joseph Ones, Luigi & Rosa Mammone.

Monday, October 26: St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 Linus Doyle By Marion & Family

Tuesday, October 27: St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

Wednesday, October 28: Weekday Mass

8:00 Pasquale D'Addio By Franca D'Addio & Family
Donato Mustillo By Zilli Family

Thursday, October 29: Weekday Mass

8:00 Maria Cardilli By Salvatore Cardilli

Friday, October 30: St. John of Capistrano

8:00 Antonio Palucci By Maria Palucci

Saturday, October 31: St. Anthony Mary Claret

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Wilfred Martin, Nick Cordopatri, Aniello D'Addio,
Ignazio Ciampini, Leonard & Terry Winslade

Sunday, November 1: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 ALL SAINTS

11:00 ALL SAINTS

Your Generosity: *Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of October 17/18 totalled \$3,158.00. Special collection for Missions totalled \$1,262.00.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – FALL CAMPAIGN

“CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE”

Let's make Canada a climate leader! In December, world leaders will be meeting in Paris at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) to negotiate a binding and universal agreement on the world's climate. For this agreement to be effective at avoiding future climate-related disasters, global temperature can't rise more than 2 Celsius over the coming years. To achieve this however, countries like Canada will need to transition to renewable energies, and move away from fossil fuels. Sign D & P Action Card, which will be distributed this weekend Oct 24-25, asking the Prime Minister to sign on to an agreement at COP21 that sets the target to keep the rise in temperature below 2 Celsius and to be a leader in achieving that target. On the card, you can also share with the Prime Minister your own personal action to help reduce climate change. The survival of our planet and its people is at stake!

“IN LOVING MEMORY”

You are invited to record the names of your deceased family members and friends in our “Loving Memory” books that are situated around the church. These books will be placed on the altar and your deceased loved ones will be prayed for at all the masses during the month of November. Also, at the church entrance are “All Souls” envelopes for your donation and to mark the names of your deceased loved ones.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND OCT. 31 & NOV. 1 FOR “ALL SOULS DAY”

SKATE-A-THON FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



Come join us at the
**Loyola Arena on
Saturday, October
31, from 10:00
a.m. until 11:30**

a.m. to raise money for our Food
Pantry. Pledge sheets will be
available at the entrance of the
church this weekend.

COME AND SUPPORT

OUR BAZAAR ON OCT. 31!

This year, the proceeds of our bazaar will go towards providing Christmas food baskets to our twin parish of Zamoran, which is still suffering greatly from famine. Come have lunch, buy a raffle ticket, bid on the silent auction, purchase some lovely crafts, find a bargain at the white elephant table and pick up something for your children. Mark the date on your calendar Saturday, October 31, from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, November 1, from 9 am to 1 pm.

**Helpers needed to set up and for
the bazaar. Signup sheets at
back of church.**

Bakers also needed.

Info: call Sharon at 514-481-2981.

TIME TO CHANGE CLOCKS!

SPRING FORWARD

“FALL BACKWARD”

Next Saturday night, October 31,
remember to move your clocks
backwards one hour before going
to bed.

COOL Youth Group

Halloween/All Saints Day Party
St. Ignatius Church, Friday Oct.30,
2015, 7:30-9:30 pm. Enter on the
right side of the church at the back
by the lounge door. Bring a treat to
share! Costumes optional. Food
and games. RSVP

stmonicasyouth@gmail.com or call
Claire at 514-482-7493. Bring a
friend!