

31th Sunday in OT (B)/ Solemnity-All Saints St. Monica's Parish Oct.31/Nov.1, 2015

STEWARDS OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE: IN LIFE AND DEATH

Hallowe'en. All Saints' Day. All Souls' Day. As November reveals the signs of death in nature, so too it invites us to reflect on our own mortality, finitude, and vulnerability. Our Catholic faith takes death seriously. But it also teaches us that death is not the final answer. For Christians, death is not the end, but the final transition: it is the movement from the realm of time into eternity, from the imperfect vision of this world to the encounter with God "face to face".

At our 11 a.m. Mass, we celebrate All Saints' Day with a "**Mass of the Resurrection**". We gather in a special way with the families and loved ones of those whose funerals took place here at St. Monica's over the past year. In their memory, we light candles; we sing songs; we pray; we remember. Most of all, we celebrate the Eucharist, Christ's promise of life triumphant over death. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is faithful to his promise: that his Paschal Mystery – his own passion, death, and resurrection – traces the pattern of our own lives. We give thanks that our loved ones have joined the blessed communion of saints, named and unnamed, whom we also celebrate today. They are at peace, in God's loving presence.

So as we remember our loved ones who have died, let us be thankful for the gift they were to us in their time here on earth, and let us rejoice that they now enjoy the reward of their labours, resting in the arms of their loving Creator.

Online Giving at St. Monica's

St. Monica's has chosen **CanadaHelps**, a registered charity dedicated to facilitating charitable giving across Canada, to manage its online giving. They process donations made using their own site, disburse the funds to the charities, and provide tax receipts directly to the donors. For **charities**, CanadaHelps provides open access to an affordable, secure online fundraising platform, helping them better connect with their supporters. **CanadaHelps** is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). As it is a non-profit organization, its fees are a fraction of for-profit alternatives, so your donation dollars go further and work harder. Moreover, it works hard to keep all of your information safe and secure, in strict compliance with industry Data Security Standards. They regularly update the security of their payment processes, not storing your credit card information on their servers, but able to recall your encrypted information to save you time when you donate. All personal information is held confidential, and they will never share your personal information with any charity unless you explicitly give permission. To find out more, visit www.canadahelps.org or click on the "donate" button on our website: www.stmonica.ca.



One of our long-term parishioners, Mary Maloney, is heading up the 417! We would like to thank her for her many years of service to St. Monica's. As a former Warden, Minister of Hospitality, Head of our Marathon Bridge and Monday Card groups, and Ladies Guild member, she truly exemplifies what it means to give one's time, talent and treasure to the community. Good luck, and God bless you, Mary!

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". Joshua 24:15

Thank you so much! For forty-three years, English-speaking Catholics have placed their "Trust" in the Pillars Trust Fund to provide financial assistance for programs and services at the benefit for all. The 2015 Pillars Trust "Newsletter", which has been distributed in parishes and can be found at www.pillarstrust.org, gives you several examples as to just how important your donation to the Pillars Trust Fund can be. We invite you to continue to journey with us and make a big difference in your community. On behalf of the people who benefit from the support they received from the Diocesan Priesthood Guild and Vocation Office; or the Newman Association and Youth Ministry projects; or the Adult Religious Education Services; just to name a few, kindly accept their deepest appreciation and gratitude for making these services possible through your financial support of the Pillars Trust Fund. **Please donate today, at www.pillarstrust.org.**

MASS INTENTIONS OCT. 31 TO NOV. 8, 2015

Saturday, October 31: Our Lady's Saturday

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

Sunday, November 1: Solemnity – All Saints

8:30 ALL SAINTS

11:00 ALL SAINTS

Monday, November 2: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

8:00 ALL SOULS' DAY

Tuesday, November 3: St. Martin de Porres

8:00 Santa Mattei By Ignazio Family
Deceased members of the By the Di Meglio Family
Coppa & Di Meglio Family

Wednesday, November 4: St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 Alessandro Palladini By his Wife & Family
Ignazio Ciampini By Ernesta Ciampini

Thursday, November 5: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giuseppina Sabatucci By Ignazio Family
Franco Spurio By Wife & Children

Friday, November 6: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family
Kent Francis Smith By Glen Smith

Saturday, November 7: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Farinelli Family
Leonardo Zegarelli By his sister Mafalda Zegarelli

Sunday, November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Colombo & Emma Salvati,
Luigi & Alba Paliotti, Jacqueline James-Hosten, Anna Bodalia.
11:00 Umberto Fontana By Dina, Luigi & Lorne
For the Aiello & Lonardo Family By Carmelo Aiello
Sterina & Luigi Monti By Silvia & Tony Supino

Your Generosity: Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of October 24/25 totalled \$2,827.65.

"ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS"

Catholicism: The New Evangelization

Join Fr. Raymond this Sunday afternoon, **Nov. 1 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the parish hall for the last session of **The New Evangelization** series. This week, we will purchase our lunch at the Bazaar in support of our twin parish in Zamoran, and then meet in the rectory basement.

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, related to real-life situations, 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". Many people are afraid of dying alone, in pain, or feeling that they are a burden to family and society. 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**.

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.

"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 or 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.

The "All Souls Day" donation envelopes can be deposited any time during the month of November with the regular Sunday collections.

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