

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Hallowe'en. All Saints Day. All Souls Day. Remembrance Day. November comes upon us, and we see the signs of death in nature: falling leaves; wet, windy days; long, chilly nights. November naturally invites us to ponder our mortality, finitude, and vulnerability. Our faith takes death seriously. But it also teaches us that death is not the final answer. "*Death, where is your victory? Where is your sting?*" For Christians, death is not the end, but the final transition: it is the movement from time into eternity, a movement which is beautifully captured in the uplifting, hopeful funeral liturgy of the Church.

Today, we celebrate not a "Mass for the dead", but a "**Mass of the Resurrection**". We invite the families of those whose funerals took place here at St. Monica's over the past year to join us, as we commemorate their loved ones, the departed members of our faith community. We light candles. We sing. We pray. We remember. We celebrate the Eucharist: Christ's promise of life triumphant over death: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me will live forever." We believe that Jesus is faithful to his promise. That his Paschal Mystery – his own passion, death, and resurrection – reveals the pattern of our lives as well. As we remember all those whose names are written in our "loving memory" books – family members, mentors, friends, fellow parishioners – let us be grateful for the gift of life. Life here on earth, with its joys and struggles; life eternal, where we will enjoy the reward of our labours, resting in the arms of our loving Creator.

2017 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Next weekend, November 12/13, owners of Sunday Donation Boxes will be able to pick up their new box for **2017** at the main entrance to the church. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in numerical order. There is an alphabetical and numerical list that you can consult.

You don't have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to St. Monica's parish using this method, just call the parish office 514-481-0267 to make your request.

Tips on how to properly use the envelope donation boxes:

--When starting a new year, please do not use envelopes from previous years.

--Always use the box with your name and number on it.

--Please, Do Not Use someone else's box because, the tax receipt will be issued in their name and not yours.

Donation envelope boxes also include envelopes for Special Collections throughout the year.

Tax receipts for the year are issued in January or February of the following year.

ARE YOU CALLED TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS? WE THINK YOU ARE!

And so does Deacon Keith Strohm, keynote speaker from Chicago headlining the 2016 Parish Vitality Conference in Montreal Nov. 10-12! He will help you discover and explore the many gifts you alone can bring into your family life, your work life, and your community. The former Director of Evangelization at the Archdiocese of Chicago will present "*Set the World Ablaze*" this Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. **This not-to-be-missed free event is open to the public!** www.parishvitality.com

2016 PILLARS TRUST FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The date for the official launch of the 2016 Pillars Trust Fund annual campaign, in all of the 34 parishes and missions in the diocese of Montreal, **is this weekend, November 5 and 6**. For forty-four years, English Catholics have placed their 'TRUST' in the Pillars Trust Fund to provide financial assistance for programs and services for the benefit of all. Among the twenty-two groups who receive financial assistance are: The Diocesan Priesthood Guild and Vocations Office; the Newman Association and Youth Ministry projects; Adult Religious Education Services; the Parish Vitality Conference; and up to a dozen organizations such as the Benedict Labre House – who, for example, provide shelter, meals, showers, laundry, skills training and new hope to help our homeless brothers and sisters. On behalf of our beneficiaries, kindly accept their deepest appreciation and gratitude for your financial support. We invite all who read this to please donate to the Pillars Trust Campaign at www.pillarstrust.org. Thank you very much.

AT THE ENTERANCES TO THE CHURCH, YOU WILL FIND SPECIAL ENVELOPES ISSUED BY PILLARS TRUST TO MAKE YOUR DONATIONS DIRECTLY TO THEM. THEY WILL IN TURN, ISSUE DIRECTLY TO YOU A TAX RECEIPT. THERE IS NO SPECIAL COLLECTION TAKEN BY THE PARISH FOR PILLARS TRUST.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 5 - 13, 2016

Saturday, November 5: Our Lady's Saturday

- 4:00 Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Family
Tito Forlini By Fausto & Albano & Family
Iole Falciani By Falciani Family

Sunday, November 6: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 Giovanna & Pasquale Albanesi By Amelia Albanesi
Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family
Amilcare & Pino Mattei By Fiori Family
- 11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Rosalino & Constanza Sparapani, Betty & Wilfred Martin, Nick Cordopatri, Beatrice Gagnon, Jacqueline James-Hosten.

Monday, November 7: Weekday Mass

- 8:00 Antonio Antenucci By Iride Caucci
Deceased members of the By Maria Theresa Palucci
Palucci & Santache Family

Tuesday, November 8: Weekday Mass

- 8:00 Umberta Fontana By Dina & Luigi
Ignazio Ciampini By wife Ernesta Ciampini & Family
Jacqueline James-Hosten By her sister Dianne

Wednesday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8:00 Pietro Mattei By Ignazio Mattei
Guido, Giuseppina & Ida Corvaro By daughter & sister Iolada Spurio

Thursday, November 10: St. Leo the Great

- 8:00 Santa Mattei By Ignazio Mattei
Beatrice Gagnon By Glen Clairmont

Friday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours / Remembrance Day

- 8:00 Italo Falcone By Luisa & Angelo Falcone
Agnese, Martino & Antonio Gagliardi By the Family
Susana Leon By Elcira Leon

Saturday, November 12: St. Josaphat

- 4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Italo Falcone, Aniello D'Addio, Ignazio Ciampini, Danny Dupiont, Pasquale D'Addio, Alessandro Palladini, Maria & Filippo Agnessi, Americca & Cataldo Palladini.

Sunday, November 13: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 Luigi, Kiara & Constanza Sparapani By Amelia Albanesi
Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta
Anna Maria Fiori By Livio & Family
- 11:00 Deceased members of the By Maria Sparapani
Sparapani & Nesta Families
Aiello & Lonardo Family By Carmelo Aiello
Antonio & Flavio Ricci By Wife & Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of October 29-30, 2016 totalled \$2,861.75.

ALL SOULS DAY * SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND NOVEMBER 12 & 13

**The "All Souls Day" donation envelopes will be collected
Next weekend masses of November 12/13**

**2017 Sunday Mass Books On sale starting
Next Sunday, November 13 for \$5.00 Each
(1st Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016)
Please place your payment in the wooden box
marked "Payment Box"**

Adult Faith Enrichment Upcoming events

Discerning The Spirit At Work In Our Common History: A History of Christianity

Inspired by the BBC video series "A History of Christianity", our six-part series, led by

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Jennifer Dickson, and Robert Assaly, will help us identify the signs of the Holy Spirit over two millennia of Church history, and discern where the Spirit is moving the Church today. Join us for the first three parts of the series on **Wednesday evenings, November 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The remaining three parts will be presented in March 2017. Please register by **November 7**.

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.

MENTORSHIP MINISTRY A CALL FOR MENTORS

The Mentorship Ministry is a group of Catholic friends journeying with God and each other. We are seeking MENTORS interested in supporting young adults (18-35) along their Christian journey and career path. If you would like to continue to guide others, a Mentorship session will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9:30 – 12:30. Information on the goals and commitment required will be available at this session. If you are interested in attending please email



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by November 12, 2016