

**STEWARDSHIP - GIFTS**

This week, many of us attended the keynote conference at the Archdiocesan Parish Vitality Conference: **“Set the World Ablaze!”** Deacon Keith Strohm, author of the book *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*, invited us to embrace *as individuals* the challenge of naming, claiming, and sharing the gifts God has given uniquely to each of us, and *as parish communities* to identify and call forth the gifts of *all* so that parish life is strengthened and the work of evangelization and ministry to those around us is enriched. By now, most of us are familiar with the notion of **“stewardship”**: *to receive God’s gifts gratefully, to cherish and tend them in a responsible and accountable manner, to share them in justice and love with others, and to return them with increase to the Lord.”*

On **Sunday afternoon, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, we are hoping that as many of you as possible will share your gifts to benefit our parish community we love and wish to grow stronger. The amazing vocal jazz quartet, **Guffman 5** (featuring my sister Julie!) will be sharing their vocal talents with a combination of jazz standards and Christmas-themed music. (A parishioner has generously donated two great hockey tickets for a **raffle**.) But to make the event all it can be, we need **your** gifts as well.

**Gifts of promotion and sales**, to bring as many people to the concert as possible!

**Gifts of service and hospitality**, to help with the refreshments and holiday cheer to follow!

**Gifts of home baking** – because so many people have no time to cook,

but still like to have special treats in the house with Christmas coming!

**And most importantly, the gift of your presence and prayers.**

Let’s unleash all our gifts to make this event a great success – both financially and as an expression of parish life and joy! **Please use the sign-up sheets at the back of church if you can help out, and invite your family, friends, and neighbours to join us for what promises to be a great time!**

**ONLINE GIVING AT ST. MONICA’S FOR YOUR PARISH DONATIONS**

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](http://www.canadahelps.org) or click on the “donate” button on our website: [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca).

**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.

# MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 12-20, 2016

## 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, Amerrica & 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 Sparapani & Nesta Families By Maria Sparapani  
Aiello & Lonardo Family By Carmelo Aiello  
Antonio & Flavio Ricci By Wife & Family

## Monday, November 14: Weekday Mass

**8:00** Isa Mazzella By her Daughter

## Tuesday, November 15: St. Albert the Great

**8:00** Michele & Carmela Antenucci & Deceased Family Members By Fernando Antenucci & Family  
Giacomo & Restituta La Posta By Gemma & Mary La Posta

## Wednesday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

**8:00** Valerio Michetti By Jordan Piccolino  
Lorenzo & Maris Spurio By daughter-in-law lolada Spurio

## Thursday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

**8:00** Pasquale & Rosa Ferrara By Michele Vincenzina Ferrara  
Antonio & Angela D'Astolfo By Michele Vincenzina Ferrara

## Friday, November 18: Dedication of Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul

**8:00** Antonio & Giuseppina Sabatucci By Egnazio Mattei  
Pasqualina Scamurra By Luisa & Angelo Falcone

## Saturday, November 19: Our Lady's Saturday

**4:00** Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci  
Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei  
Alessandro Palladini By his Wife & Children

## Sunday, November 20: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Christ the King

**8:30 In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati, Pietro Di Meglio.

**11:00** Giacomo Fiori By his wife Berardina & Family  
Joseph Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family  
Vincenzo Saluzzi By wife Maddalena

### Your Generosity...

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of November 5/6, 2016 totalled \$10,390.70. Maintenance \$1060.00

**2017 Sunday Mass Books On sale starting  
This weekend, November 12/13 for \$5.00 Each  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016)  
Please place your payment in the wooden box  
marked "Payment Box"**

### ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS AND CANDLES



The Advent prayer booklets and candles are now available for you to purchase. The booklets are priced at \$2.00 each, and the candles are priced at \$5.00 for each set. You will find these items at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the **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 series continues with part two this coming **Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**. All are welcome!

### Coffee and Conversation

Join us next **Sunday, Nov. 20, from 9:45 to 10:45 am**, in the rectory dining room to view THE WILD GOOSE video, **The Spirit & the Eucharist**. Free babysitting available. Please make arrangements with Anna no later than **Wed., Nov.16**. All are welcome!

### Video Divina

This year, Fr. Raymond's film series looks at movies and life through the lens of the Holy Spirit. Join him on **Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory to view the movie **Good Will Hunting**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow!

### Clearing the Way for the Spirit

What gets in the way of your desire to follow the Spirit? What blocks you in your relationship to yourself, God and others? Is transformation possible for you? Join **Anne Macaulay** on **Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the parish hall to explore the obstacles that can block the transformative process of living in the Spirit, and learn practical wisdom and strategies to clear the way so that you may live more fully in the Spirit. Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. **Register by Nov. 30.**

**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.**