

GOD CALLS YOU BY NAME: BECOME WHO YOU ARE! (Part 3)

A VOCATION STORY: The 1981 Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire* tells the story of two runners training to represent Great Britain in the 1924 Olympic Games. One of them, Scotsman Eric Liddell, is also training to become a Christian missionary in China. His sister Jennie disapproves of what she judges a distraction from his true calling, and seeks to dissuade Eric. His answer speaks volumes about the nature of a God-given vocation: *"Jennie, I believe that God made me for a purpose, for the mission in China. But he also made me fast. And when I run, I feel his pleasure. Not to run would be to reject his gift, to hold Him in contempt."*

Eric Liddell won the gold medal in the 400-meter race in the 1924 Paris Olympics. The next year, he left for the missions in China, where he worked as a teacher and pastor for the next 20 years, competing in the occasional athletic event. In 1945, Eric Liddell died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. In 2008, Chinese authorities revealed that shortly before his death, Eric refused an opportunity to leave the camp in a POW exchange, giving up his place to a pregnant woman. Eric Liddell lived his vocation to the full: he found the place where his deep gladness and the deep hungers of the world intersected, and he embraced it joyfully and generously.

Embracing our mission in life is not an easy task. It is not for the faint of heart. Yet as American poet Annie Dillard reminds us, in her essay *"Living Like Weasels"*, it is in the end the only real path:

"We could, you know. We can live any way we want. People take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience--even of silence--by choice. The thing is to stalk your calling in a certain skilled and supple way, to locate the most tender and live spot and plug into that pulse. This is yielding, not fighting. A weasel lives as he's meant to, yielding at every moment to the perfect freedom of single necessity. I think it would be well, and proper, and obedient, and pure, to grasp your one necessity and not let it go, to dangle from it wherever it takes you. Then even death, where you're going no matter how you live, cannot you part. Seize it and let it seize you up aloft ... over fields and woods, lightly, thoughtless, from any height at all, on eagles' wings."

What about you? What is the name by which God has called you? Where do you feel God's pleasure? How have you been gifted, and how are you sharing your gift with the world? Where do your deepest desires and the needs and hungers of your world meet? Pay attention: for this is where you discover your mission in life, your personal vocation, God's name for you.

ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO FILM

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, the Faith & Justice committee invites you to view the film ROMERO. Bishop Romero was a good friend of the sisters who work with our twin parish in Zamoran. **Bishop Romero is going to be beatified this year.** Come find out how committed he was to living out the word of Christ. **The film will be presented on Thursday, March 12, starting at 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica's parish rectory basement.**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Responding To The Cry Of The Rural Poor With The Bishops Of Brazil

In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: "We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countryside – landless, homeless, lacking food and health care – to the detriment of their rights. Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income. – Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 191.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has been working with the Brazilian bishops for many years to respond to the cry of the poor. Your generosity helps fund our partnership with their Pastoral Land Commission, which works to support the rural poor through agricultural development and land reform.

MASS INTENTIONS FORM MARCH 7 TO 15, 2015

Saturday, March 7: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

4:00 Antonio & Domenica Poliziani By Sister
Amilcare & Pino Mattei By Valentina & Nicolino

Sunday, March 8: Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 Lucia & Leonardo Ciampini By the Family
Special Intention for a Parishioner By Family
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Dominico Abbatiello, Joseph Onesi, Alexander & Mason Family, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Deceased members of the Charles J. McDonald Family

Monday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome

8:00 Linus Doyle By Marion Doyle & Family

Tuesday, March 10: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Catherine Scerbo By Maria & Zenon

Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Thursday, March 12: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Rosalina Dacuycuy Vea By Maura Dacuycuy & Family

Friday, March 13: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Paolo & Emidia Turini By Pietrina Turini

Saturday, March 14: Our Lady's Mass

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Pietro Di Meglio, Giovanni & Palma Farinelli, Mike Kilbertus, Alessandro Palladini, Leonard & Terry Winslade

Sunday, March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 Aniello D'Addio By Franca D'Addio & Family
Velma Valleau By Millie & Dominic Silvestri
11:00 Jerry Vietri By the McGarr Family
Fioravante Rotiroti By the Rotiroti Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of February 28-March 1, 2015 totalled \$3,202.20. Special collection for Maintenance totalled \$1,676.00.

COOL (Children of Our Lord) YOUTH RETREAT

Friday, March 13 at 6:30 pm until Saturday, March 14 at 5:30 pm

To Register Contact: stmonicasyouth@gmail.com or call Claire at 514-482-7493

Suggested Donation \$20 (includes dinner Friday, Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday). In partnership with NET Ministries of Canada <http://www.netcanada.ca/>

**THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER!
REGISTER AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND!**

LENTE RECONCILIATION SERVICES

As part of our Lenten journey of conversion and renewal, the Church invites us to experience the healing, transforming power of the Lord's mercy in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Communal celebrations of this sacrament, with opportunity for individual confession, will be held **here at St. Monica's** in the context of a special Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, on **Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.**, and at **St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish** after the regular 7.00 p.m. Mass on **Tuesday, March 24th**. All are welcome!

Adult Faith Enrichment Upcoming events

Coffee and Conversation

In this session of NOOMA, we will view "OPEN – Does prayer really help?" Join us on **Sunday, March 15, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room. Babysitting is available upon request.

Please refer to our website and 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.

Cancellation of St. Monica's 2015 Parish Lenten Mission

Due to health reasons, Fr. Mike Shaw is unable to preach the St. Monica's 2015 Lenten Mission on **Reconciliation** as previously scheduled. Please consult the parish bulletin boards for other options in the diocese.

SR. MARIE AZZARELLO

Sr. Marie Azzarello, CND, who facilitated our "Joy of the Gospel" seminar this past year, was recently a guest on the **Salt + Light** television program "Witness" with Fr. Rosica. We invite you to view the program at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKJ2FFTgk2s>.

NEXT WEEKEND FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

(Coffee & Chocolate Bars)

ON SALE AFTER ALL
WEEKEND MASSES.

(March 14-15)

LOONIES and SPARE
CHANGE WILL ALSO BE
COLLECTED.