

EMBRACING OUR VOCATION

Today we celebrate the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. It also marks the beginning of *National Vocation Awareness Week*, in which the Church invites all Catholics to pray for the renewal and strengthening of **all** Christian vocations: to marriage, to single life, to the many forms of consecrated life, and to ordained ministry as bishops, priests, and deacons. These “states of life” take root in the fundamental Christian vocation we all share by virtue of **our** baptism: we are “God’s beloved children, in whom the Father is well pleased.” Concretely, this means that we are called *to life and love, to holiness and discipleship, to share in the mission of Christ*: bringing about the Kingdom through the generous sharing and stewardship of our gifts and talents.

We sometimes hear of a “vocation shortage” in the Church. Yet God never stops calling! We all have a vocation, for God calls each of us **by name**. The choices we make are our way of responding to the call given to us in baptism and confirmation. *The challenge is **not** to find out whether you “have” a vocation; it is to identify and respond to the vocation you already have.*”

Please keep the prayer below and pray it throughout the week – and beyond. As we pray for a flourishing of vocations in our local Church, may we be faithful to our own!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Loving and Generous God, You call us by name and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in love and service of our Church as we experience it today.
Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.
Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.*

*Bless the Church of Montreal, and our Parish of St. Monica,
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends who will serve Your people:
as Priests and Deacons, as Sisters and Brothers,
as Committed Lay Ministers, in Marriage and in Single Life.
Inspire us to know and love You better,
and open our hearts to hear Your call and give it a generous response.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN!!*

Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming events

Video Divina

Join Fr. Raymond for **The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler**, the fourth film of this year’s “Movies with a Mission” series, on **Friday, January 15 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 9 TO 17, 2016

Saturday, January 9: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Jerry Vietri By Antonio Aversa
Giuseppe Di Roberto By Mafalda Zegarelli
Anna Fiorilli & Donato Ricciardi By Maria Carmela Ricciardi

Sunday, January 10: Baptism of the Lord

8:30 In Loving Memory : Leona Clarke
11:00 Louise Smith By Teresina Supino
Michael Collins By Richelieu Rose Group of Sisters & Associates
Flavio Ricci By Mother & Family

Monday, January 11: Weekday Mass

8:00 Stella Smith By the Smith Family
Giuseppe Brancatella By the Family

Tuesday, January 12: St. Marguerite Bourgeys

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini
Antonio & Rosa Paoli By Pietrina Turini

Wednesday, January 13: St. Hilary

8:00 Felipe Marasigan By his Wife & Family
Giacomo La Posta By Mary & Gemma La Posta

Thursday, January 14: Weekday Mass

8:00 Beulah Marriman By Hyland Family

Friday, January 15: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giacomia Pedicelli Caucci By Vincenza Campanelli

Saturday, January 16: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Chiara Forlini, Luigi Sparapani & Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Gerry McLaughlin By Connie & Family
Gabriele & Antonia Poliziani By Maria De Ciccio

Sunday, January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concette La Posta
Vincenza Forte By Piccolino Family
11:00 In Loving Memory : Ettore Lanni by Wife & Family,
Deceased members of the Cullen Family.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...

Collection for the weekend of December 19/20, 2015 totalled \$3,152.25; Christmas, December 25, 2015 totalled \$9015.00; December 26/27, 2015 totalled \$2,540.40; New Year, January 1, 2016 totalled \$2,772.00; January 2/3, 2016 totalled \$3,910.15; and Christmas Appeal totalled \$22,185.00

FINDING GOD IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR OWN HEART

Silent, directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Priere Notre-Dame in Longueuil. Begins Friday evening, February 26, 2016 and ends Sunday afternoon. Call 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172, or visit www.montrealretreats.org.

JESUS OF THE GOSPELS STUDY SESSIONS WITH SR. KAY DUFFIN

"Who is the Jesus that you love and admire? Is he the Jesus of the Gospels?"

On 8 consecutive Monday evenings, starting January 25 to March 14, 2016 from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. at the C.N.D. Mother House, 2330 Sherbrooke Street West, Sr. Kay Duffin will offer sessions on the Jesus as he is portrayed in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. The series, "Getting to know the Gospel" by Scott M. Lewis, S.J., as advertised in "Living with Christ" will be used as well as the Gospel text. Cost is \$20. If interested, please call Sr. Kay at 514-762-1844 or email: kayduffin2@gmail.com

**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ON
SALE WEEKEND OF
(JANUARY 24, 2016)
AFTER ALL WEEKEND
MASSES.
LOONIES and SPARE
CHANGE WILL ALSO BE
COLLECTED.**

DIOCESAN LENTEN MISSION 2016

At St. Edmund of Canterbury
Parish in Beaconsfield
(MARCH 1-2-3, 2016)

Preacher:

Bishop Thomas Dowd
**MERCIFUL LIKE THE
FATHER**

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