

PARISH BULLETIN ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

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• WEEKEND MASS <u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00pm <u>SUNDAY</u> 9:00am & (11:00am)

(Livestreamed)

• WEEKDAY MASS - TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am - All are Welcome!

• EVENING MASS - THURSDAYS - 7:00pm - All are Welcome!

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am- 3:30pm - (514) 481-0267 Ext. 221

(Closed: 12:00pm - 1:00pm) – (No Mass on Mondays)

Parish Secretary: Gina Yee – Ext. 221 - st-monica@videotron.ca

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• Food Pantry: Director - Marcelle Lord - 514-550-0125 stmonicasfoodpantry@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS



St. Monica's Bake Sale is next weekend October 18th & 19th-If you love to bake and want to help out, then please bring your baked goods to the church next weekend on Saturday, October 18th after 2:00pm or Sunday, October 19th after 8:00am. To help our Volunteers, we ask that you kindly pre-slice your baked goods to be sold individually, or they can also be sold as full-sized desserts. Kindly list the common allergy ingredients, especially if they contain nuts, milk or egg. Pricing will then

be placed on each baked good. You can Bring, Buy or do Both and enjoy some tasty treats following next weekend Mass on **October 18**th & **19**th. All proceeds will go to <u>St. Monica's Fundraising</u>. Please help support our Fundraising efforts.



Bringing Our Hearts to the Table

Dear beloved Parishioners,

As Thanksgiving weekend approaches, we gather not merely to celebrate abundance, but to respond with hearts of deep gratitude to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Thanksgiving is more than a date on the calendar—it is the posture of a redeemed heart before a faithful God. From beginning to end, the Bible calls us to remember, to give thanks, and to respond with worship and generosity.

At the heart of our Christian faith is a table. And at the center of that table is Christ. When Jesus took the bread and gave thanks on the night He was betrayed, He instituted what we now call the Eucharist—which literally means "thanksgiving." The Eucharist is not just a symbol; it is an invitation. It calls us to remember Christ's sacrifice, receive His grace, and reflect His life in our own.

This is why every thanksgiving meal, whether in church or at home, echoes that holy table. And as we gather, we are called to bring more than food. We bring our hearts. What Do We Bring to the Table?

1. Remembrance

We remember the faithfulness of God—how He has carried us, provided for us, and saved us. Like Israel remembering the Exodus, we recall His goodness: "Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth." (Deut. 8:18)

2. Surrender

Thanksgiving is not just counting blessings—it's surrendering to the Giver. We don't come with pride, but with humility. "Not to us, Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory." (Psalm 115:1)

3. Reconciliation

We must make peace with one another. A table filled with food means little if hearts remain divided. "As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18)

4. Faith

Even if this year has brought struggle, we give thanks by faith—trusting in God's character more than our circumstances. "Though the fig tree does not bud... yet I will rejoice in the Lord." (Habakkuk 3:17–18)

5. Generosity

True thanksgiving always overflows. We are called to remember the poor, the lonely, the hungry. "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind..." (Luke 14:13) This is not optional—it is kingdom living. Let your thanksgiving table become a table of hospitality, justice, and mercy.

As we celebrate this weekend, let's not only eat, but offer. Let us not just feast but bless. Let our homes reflect the grace of God and our tables resemble the table of the Lord. Let every shared meal, every word of thanks, and every act of kindness point back to Jesus—the Bread of Life, the Giver of every good gift.

With Grateful Hearts
From our church family to yours—
Happy Thanksgiving!

FAITH SHARING

St. Monica's Faith-Sharing Group will be meeting for 7 sessions beginning on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 30 from 2 to 3:30 PM</u> in the Rectory Hall. Our theme this year will be the challenges and blessings of ageing, and our guide will be Joyce Rupp OSM 's book <u>Vessels of Love</u>. We welcome new members to join us in prayer and sharing. If interested, please contact Barbara DeLorenzi at bookclub@stmonica.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS: October 11 - 17, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – October 11, 2025 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ignazio Mattei Domenica Mattei & Family
Ernesta Ciampini Pauline Wong & Family

Delfina Trabalza Dina & Luigi Evelyn & Nicholas Troli Family Amalia Ambrosio Family

Sunday, 9:00am - October 12, 2025 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased Members of the Paoli & Turini Family Alessandro Paoli & Pietrina Turini

Wim Laarhoven Lidia & Robert Fisher
Giacomo Fiori Wife, Berardina & Family

Living – Intention of Brigitte de Josez Brigitte de Josez

Sunday, 11:00am - October 12, 2025 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ettore Lanni Family

Giulia Marchione Angela Dell

Filippo Navarra Hélène Navarra & Family

Donald Hill Salvati Family

Tuesday, 8:30am - October 14, 2025 - Saint Callistus I

Mariane Hamel
Barbara Bonner

Beverly Bonner

Wednesday, 8:30am - October 15, 2025: MEMORIAL - Saint Teresa of Jesus

Mario Matta Olga Santini Matta & Son
Nicola Santini Olga Santini Matta & Son

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo Family

Thursday, 8:30am - October 16, 2025 - MEMORIAL Saint Marguerite d'Youville

Beatrice Gagnon Glen Clairmont

Thursday, 7:00pm

All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, 8:30am - October 17, 2025: MEMORIAL - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Wim Laarhoven Ria

Patricio & Tomosa Vea & Deceased Family Members Maura Dacuycuy