

PARISH BULLETIN ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASS SATURDAY 4:00pm SUNDAY 9:00am & (11:00am-Livestreamed)

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

EVENING MASS - <u>THURSDAYS</u> - 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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Marriages: Contact the Parish Office 6 months in advance (514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221

• Baptisms: Telephone: 514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221 or email the Parish Office:

st-monica@videotron.ca

On-Line donations – Please register at: <u>www.stmonica.ca</u> CanadaHelps – Give



You are invited to a Musical performance next **Sunday**, **December 14**th **at 4pm** in St. Monica's Church with the participation of an instrumentalist and 36 vocalist choir members from <u>La Chorale Arc-en-Ciel de Longueuil</u>, conducted by Jennifer Yong Mi Lee. Music, Piano, English / French songs, Claude Léveillée, a Jazz Waltz from the Nutcracker ballet, White Christmas and much more. Come and enjoy this festive musical with family and friends.

Tickets are on sale at the back of the church: $\underline{16 \text{ years \& over: } \$20 \text{ each}}$ // $\underline{5 - 15 \text{ years: } \$10 \text{ each}}$ // and $\underline{\text{under 5 yrs. of age, Free.}}$

A major portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Monica's Fundraising Efforts!!





CANDLE OF PEACE - Second Week of Advent

The angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth," in <u>Luke 2:14</u>. Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when he arrived.

First, he gives us inner peace. Because of his work on <u>the cross</u>, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelled by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace (<u>John 14:27</u>).

2ND SUNDAY (Modernt Second, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences (Galatians 3:28), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ.

The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom.

Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to <u>trust in God's promises</u> (<u>Proverbs 3:5</u>), through restful, tranquil <u>faith</u>, despite the dark, scary world around us.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On **December 8th**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a feast that invites us to pause and enter into the mystery of God's extraordinary grace. The Immaculate Conception teaches that Mary, from the very first moment of her existence, was preserved from original sin and filled with the fullness of God's holiness. This singular grace was given so that she might become the pure and spotless dwelling place of the Son of God, the vessel through whom divine light would touch our humanity. This feast invites us to reflect on God's deep love, His saving plan, and Mary's faithful "yes," which opened the way for our redemption.

As a parish community, we warmly invite everyone to join us for a special Mass on **December 8th Monday at 8:30 a.m.** Together, let us honor our Blessed Mother, seek her intercession, and celebrate the grace God pours into our lives. May this feast inspire us to walk in holiness and openness to God's will.

<u>ST MONICA'S PARISH – CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.</u>

As we prepare for Christmas, many families in our community are facing challenges meeting even their most basic needs. This Advent, **St. Monica's Parish is partnering with the Early Childhood team at the Benny Farm CLSC** to support local families with essential baby items.

A complete list of requested items is also available at the back of the church.

If you would like to help with organizing the collection, please contact the Parish Office (514) 481-0267 x 221 or email: st-monica@videotron.ca

Donations will be accepted until December 21st.

Items needed include:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Diaper cream
- CeraVe or Johnson's baby shampoo and lotion
- Digital thermometers, baby nail clippers, nasal aspirators
- Facecloths and bibs
- Supermarket gift cards

Please place your contributions under the designated Christmas tree at the back of the church.

Thank you for helping us share hope and care with families this Advent.

<u>WARDEN'S ELECTIONS</u>: There will be a call to nominate **two candidates** in the upcoming Warden's Election for the Fabrique of the Parish of St. Monica next **Sunday**, **December 14**th following the **11:00am Mass**. The elected wardens will each serve a three-year term.

To be eligible for this role, candidates must be:

- A practising Roman Catholic
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have been a registered member of our parish for a minimum of one year
- Reside within the Parish Territory

As a warden, you will serve as a director and administrator of the church corporation, responsible for acquiring, possessing, holding, and administering property for the practice of the Roman Catholic faith. While not mandatory, professional or business experience and the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team are highly valued assets for prospective candidates. We look forward to your participation.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT. We lovingly prepare our hearts and homes as we look forward to the birth of our Lord, Jesus. At the back of the church are boxes of tapered candles that may be purchased for \$10 each box.

MASS INTENTIONS - December 6 - 12, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – December 6, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lucille Wong
Antonio Bei
sister, Pauline Wong
Gabriella Bei & Family

Ernesta Ciampini Pina Giobbi

Sunday, 9:00am – December 7, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Deceased Members Paoli & Turini Families

Alessandro Paoli & Pietrina Turini
Deceased Members Forlini & Caucci Families

Marisa & Fernando Antenucci

In thanksgiving for the Blessings received from

St. Lucia & St. Anthony
Anonymous
Living – Intentions of the de Josez Family
Brigitte de Josez

Sunday, 11:00am – December 7, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Miriam & Emilio Brunelli Ida Onesi & Family
Olga & Mario Cappello Anna Cappello
Natalino Cappello Anna Cappello

Tuesday, 8:30am - December 9, 2025 - Saint Juan Diego Cuzuhtlatoatzin

Living – Souleymane Lenaud & Friends Hilary & Raymond Jack

Wednesday, 8:30am – December 10, 2025 – Our Lady of Loreto

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo Family

Julie Dorismond Axama Gina Maurice & Family

Thursday, 8:30am - December 11, 2025 - Saint Damasus I

Luigi Spinelli Lina Cipriani

Thursday, 7:00pm – December 11, 2025

Anna & Lorenzo Forlini Erminio Forlini

Friday, 8:30AM – December 12, 2025 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patron of the Americas

Nouhad Khalil Ann Griffin

Victor Exama Gina Maurice & Family