



PARISH BULLETIN

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

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

Parish Registration: Forms are located at the entrance doors. Please enter ALL your contact information and kindly give it to an Usher or place it in the collection baskets. If you want Donation Envelopes with a Registered Box number, please indicate it on your form and one will be assigned to you after you have been contacted. Year-end Tax Receipts will be mailed.

On-Line donations – Please register at: www.stmonica.ca CanadaHelps – Give



NET CANADA YOUTH RETREAT FOR GRADES 6-8

We are pleased to announce that our parish will host a National Evangelization Teams (NET) Canada **retreat** for teens in Grades 6 to 8 on January 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., here at our church. NET Canada is a nationwide Catholic youth ministry that encourages young people to love Christ and live their faith within the Church. More details are available on the noticeboard. For registration and further information, please contact Fr. Jaison. We strongly encourage parents to support and promote this event among their children. It promises to be a meaningful and joyful day of faith, fellowship, and evangelization.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: A REMINDER OF OUR CALL

The Baptism of Jesus, which we celebrate this weekend, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Although Jesus was sinless and had no need of repentance, He chose to be baptized by John in the Jordan to fully identify Himself with humanity and to sanctify the waters for our salvation.

At the Jordan, the mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed: the Son stands in the water, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mk 1:11). This moment reveals who Jesus truly is and what His mission will be—to bring God's saving love to the world through humility, obedience, and self-giving love.

For us, the Baptism of the Lord is a powerful reminder of our own baptism. Through baptism, we were cleansed from sin, made children of God, incorporated into the Church, and called to share in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. We no longer belong to ourselves; we belong to Christ.

To live our baptismal call means to reject sin daily, to listen to God's voice, and to witness Christ in our words and actions. It means choosing humility over pride, service over self-interest, and faithfulness over comfort. Strengthened by the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are sent to be light in the world and signs of God's mercy. As we reflect on the Baptism of Jesus, let us renew our baptismal promises and strive to live each day as beloved sons and daughters of God.



FAMILY TREE: A LIVING LEGACY AT ST MONICA'S

As we began celebrating the 75th Anniversary of St. Monica's Parish, one of our first initiatives was to refocus our vision for the future under the theme: "Preserving the Past, Building the Future." Guided by this theme, we launched several fundraising efforts to support the long-term needs of our parish. With your generous support and, above all, by the grace of God, these initiatives have been steadily moving toward their goals.

One of the most meaningful and well-received projects has been the Family Tree Project. This initiative not only helped raise funds but also created a lasting spiritual legacy—honoring our loved ones by engraving their names on the leaves of the tree, symbolically placing them in the loving presence of God and within the living history of our parish.

We sincerely thank all those who have already participated. Your support is deeply appreciated. If you have already added a leaf, we kindly invite you to share this opportunity with others—family members, friends, neighbors, or even those who may have moved away but still carry a special bond with St. Monica's. A few leaves are still available. Details are available near the Family Tree display. Together, let us continue walking forward honoring our past while building a hopeful future for our parish community.

MASS INTENTIONS –January 10 - 16, 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – January 10, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

Anna & Lorenzo Forlini

Erminio Forlini

Beata Ricci

Family

Sunday, 9:00am – January 11, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 11:00am – January 11, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

Frances Donahue

sister, Helen

Richard Cauchon

Helen Donahue

Stella Smith

Terrance Smith

Marco, Giuseppe & Paola Pendenza

Cappello Family

Tuesday, 8:30am – January 13, 2026 – Saint Hilary

Felipe Marasigan

Family

With Gratitude for Blessings received

Gina Maurice

Wednesday, 8:30am – January 14, 2026 - Weekday

Edouarde Maurice

Gina Maurice & Family

Thursday, 8:30am – January 15, 2026 – Weekday

Living – Souleymane Lenaud & friends

Hilary & Raymond Jack

Thursday, 7:00pm

For All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, 8:30am – January 16, 2026 - Weekday

Luxinance Dorismond

Gina Maurice & Family