



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





Ash Wednesday: February 18

Ash Wednesday begins our sacred journey into the holy season of Lent. The ashes placed on our foreheads are a visible reminder of our need for conversion, humility, and renewed faith. They invite us to pause, reflect on our lives, and turn our hearts more deeply toward God. This day is not simply a tradition, but a meaningful call to begin again — to seek mercy, to let go of what distances us from the Lord, and to walk with Christ more intentionally.

Lent is a time of grace given by the Church so that we may grow through prayer, fasting, and charity. It is a season that helps us refocus our priorities, deepen our spiritual lives, and prepare ourselves to celebrate the joy of Easter with renewed hearts. Ash Wednesday stands as the gateway to this sacred path, encouraging us to begin with sincerity and hope. All are warmly invited to gather as a faith community and mark this important beginning together. Our Ash Wednesday Masses on **February 18th will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Catholic Action Montreal

Catholic Action Montreal is a charity not-for-profit dedicated to service and social justice. Their mission is to activate the gifts and talents of members of our Catholic community in service of our fellow Montrealer's living in marginalized communities. Communities like our seniors; asylum seekers; refugees; addicts; homeless; poor; and people with mental health challenges.

In order to help these people, Catholic Action partners with individuals, parishes, and other charities, to launch new projects & programs to address their needs. We also rely on the gifts, talents, & skills of ordinary Catholics like yourself to volunteer in these projects. So, we invite you to get connected with us <https://www.catholicaction.ca/collabs>. Let us know what your gifts, talents, and skills are so that if a new service project starts that matches your gifts & talents, we can know to reach out to you for help. And save the date for our first event of the year on Friday March 13 at Paroisse Saint Laurent (805 Sainte Croix Ave, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 3Y3). Mass at 7:30pm followed by a reception in the parish hall to hear from our partners about different service opportunities, and to network.

Gratitude for Faithful and Generous Support

St. Monica's Parish is deeply grateful to Mike Furlotte and his family for generously producing our parish bulletin for many years at no cost. In recent times, with fewer advertisers, the cost of printing now falls directly on Mike. We kindly invite parishioners who own a business, or know someone who does, to consider advertising in the bulletin as a way of supporting both Mike and St. Monica's Parish. Mike is also the owner of **FURM Renovations**, and we encourage you to recommend **FURM Renovations** to others. Your support will help us continue publishing our weekly bulletin. Please see the back of the bulletin for contact information.

Dying with Christ – Living with Hope

With the continuous expansion of euthanasia ("medical aid in dying"), increasing numbers of our faithful are touched—directly or indirectly—by end-of-life questions. The need to reflect on the

meaning of death and dying in light of our faith in Jesus Christ is more important than ever. For this reason, our diocese will be launching the program *Dying with Christ – Living with Hope* at the end of the month.

The Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family, in collaboration with the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada, is offering this video series to explore death, dying, suffering, and Christian hope through the insights of theologians and healthcare professionals.

The course will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 2000 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, on two Saturday mornings, **February 28 and March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Everyone is welcome, especially pastoral team members, priests, and those who accompany the elderly or the sick. **The cost is \$15** (workbook included), with free parking available.

Pre-registration is required by February 25TH. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4qNHqLG>. For more information, call (514) 925-4300 ext. 287 or email centredmvf@diocesemontreal.org, or see it on our noticeboard.

MASS INTENTIONS: 14 - 20 FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 14, 2026 – The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 9:00am – February 15, 2026 – The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ignazio Mattei *Domenica Mattei*

Sunday, 11:00am – February 15, 2026 – The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Anna & Lorenzo Forlini *Erminio Forlini*
Almerindo & Rita Cappello *Cappello Family*
Domenica Di Sotto *Cappello Family*
Pasquale Coccia *Family*

Tuesday, 8:30am – February 17, 2026 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
George Wong *Pauline Wong*
Wim Laarhoven & his Deceased Family Members *Ria*

ASH WEDNESDAY, 8:30am & 7:00pm – February 18, 2026

Thursday, 8:30am – February 19, 2026 – Weekday
Personal intentions - Souleymane Lenaud & Friends *Hilary & Raymond Jack*
Thursday, 7:00pm
For All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, 8:30am – February 20, 2026 – Weekday
For All Parishioners Intentions