



PARISH BULLETIN
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WEEKEND MASS: SATURDAY 4:00pm and SUNDAY 9:00am & 11:00am - Livestreamed

WEEKDAY MASS: TUESDAY to FRIDAY - 8:30am

EVENING MASS: THURSDAY - 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm *Closed 12:00pm – 1:00pm*

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

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



17 MAY 2026

Access - East Side Entrance



THE ASCENSION: HUMANITY DRAWN INTO GOD

The Feast of the Ascension confronts us with one of the deepest mysteries of Christian faith: why does the risen Christ leave? After the joy of Easter, after fear has been transformed into hope, Jesus ascends to the Father. At first, the Ascension may seem like a departure or even a loss. The disciples who walked beside Him must now learn to live without seeing Him. Yet the Ascension is not the story of Christ moving away from humanity; it is the mystery of Christ drawing humanity into God.

Jesus does not abandon the world He loved enough to die for. In the Ascension, He carries our humanity into the life of the Father. The Son who became flesh does not leave that humanity behind after the Resurrection. He takes it into glory. This changes forever the meaning of human life. Our fragile and wounded humanity now has a place in the heart of God. In Christ, humanity has already entered heaven.

The disciples struggle to understand this mystery. The Acts of the Apostles describes them standing and looking toward heaven — a profoundly human image. We too often search for God only in visible signs and certainties. But the Ascension marks a turning point. Christ withdraws His visible presence so that His followers may discover a deeper communion with Him through faith.

The Ascension is therefore not about absence but about mission and maturity. The disciples can no longer cling to Jesus physically; now they must carry His life within them and become His witnesses in the world. The Church begins when believers stop only looking for Christ outside themselves and begin revealing Him through their lives.

Christ ascends bearing the wounds of crucifixion, showing that true glory is revealed through self-giving love. The Ascension calls us to lift our eyes beyond fear and the passing realities of this world, for where Christ has gone, we are called to follow.

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HEARTFELT WORD OF THANKS

Heartfelt thanks once again to all the generous hearts who helped us clean the church and rectory during this Spring season. Your willingness to offer your time, energy, and care to keep our parish fresh and welcoming is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your kindness, dedication, and loving service to our parish community.

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SAVE THE DATE: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

The Easter season is one of the richest and most beautiful seasons in the life of the Church. During these sacred weeks, the mystery of the risen Christ is revealed to us more deeply through prayer, Scripture, and the liturgical celebrations of the Church. The faithful are invited not only to remember Christ's resurrection, but also to experience His living presence that continues to guide and strengthen the Church today.

The coming Sundays hold a special place in this journey of faith: the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost Sunday, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. Each celebration invites us to enter more profoundly into the mystery of God's love and His presence among His people.

In a special way, this year we are blessed to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi with a **Eucharistic Procession through the streets surrounding our church.** It will be a beautiful public witness of our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 7, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** Further details will be shared soon. We warmly invite everyone to keep this date in your calendar and join us for this grace-filled celebration.

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CHINESE DINNER FUNDRAISER

We are delighted to bring back our much-loved Spring Fundraiser Chinese Dinner! Join us on May 30th at 5:30 pm in our parish hall for a joyful evening filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and lively entertainment. It is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together, enjoy one another’s company, and support our church in a meaningful way. It promises to be a night of laughter, connection, and celebration.

Tickets are now available at the back of the church:

\$40 per adult and \$10 for children (10 years and under).

We warmly invite you to be part of this beautiful evening—come, enjoy, and celebrate with us!

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“HEARTS ON FIRE SWING.”

One of our parishioners, Kevin Griffin, has taken the initiative to propose a fundraising event for St. Monica’s on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 12), titled “**Hearts on Fire Swing.**” The evening promises to be a joyful gathering with music, dance, and raffles, bringing the community together in celebration and support.

This is an 18+, semi-formal night of swing dancing, music, and community at **St. Monica’s Parish Hall from 7:30pm to 11:30pm.** It’s a great opportunity to meet new people, have fun, and support our parish! Admission tickets are just **\$20** and covers the cost of 2 drinks and hors d’oeuvres.



You can find more information on sacredheartswing.com, where you can also purchase admission and raffle tickets. You can find these details by scanning the QR code on the posters around the parish and in the bulletin. We’d love to see you there – come out, bring a friend, and let’s make it a great night! Website is – <https://sacredheartswing.com/>

We’re deeply grateful for Kevin’s heartfelt desire to give back to the parish where he was nurtured in faith, and for his generous commitment to contribute in a meaningful way.

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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 18TH – VICTORIA DAY

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 16 - 22, 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – May 16, 2026 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ernesta & Ignazio Ciampini

Aniello D'Addio

Leonard & Terry Winslade

Peter Duffy

Children & their Families

Franca & Children

Dolores & Bob Parsons

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Sunday, 9:00am – May 17, 2026 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Wim Laarhoven & his Deceased Family Members

Carmela Stasi-Cioffi

Pietro Di Meglio

Laura & Feni Coppa

Ria

John Cioffi & Family

Elena Di Meglio & Family

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Sunday, 11:00am – May 17, 2026 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Giuseppe Paola & Marco Pendenza

Sheila Nelson

Leonilda Francescangeli

Filippo Navarra

Cappello Family

Nelson Family

Gino & Family

Family

Tuesday, 8:30am – May 19, 2026

Eva Ciampini

Benedicto Chung

Claudia & George

Paul Yoo & Sylvia Chung

Wednesday, 8:30am – May 20, 2026 – Saint Bernardine of Siena

Margaret McGee

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo

Juan Cabanas

Family

Family

Juana & Family

Thursday, 8:30am – May 21, 2026 – Saint Eugène de Mazenod

L) Souleymane Lenaud & Friends

Hilary & Raymond Jack

Thursday, 7:00pm

Abraham Joseph

The Courageous Catholics

Friday, 8:30am – May 22, 2026 – Saint Rita of Cascia

Benedicto Chung

Paul Yoo & Sylvia Lee