

***EUCHARIST AND MARRIAGE: GOD'S COVENANT LOVE***

After the Easter season, the Church celebrates a series of "theme" feasts, highlighting diverse aspects of our Catholic identity. At **Pentecost**, we proclaimed our identity as a Spirit-filled people, empowered to bear witness to a diversity of gifts in the one Spirit. Last Sunday, as we celebrated the gift of Consecrated Life in our church, we recalled our creation in the image of the **Trinity**: in our lives, loves, and relationships, we reflect a God who is mutual, self-giving, overflowing communion of love.

Today, we commemorate the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. We are a Eucharistic people. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are transformed from within: we *become* Christ's Body and Blood, our lives broken for others, poured out in loving service of all humanity. This is what Jesus calls the "new covenant in his blood." God does not enter into a *contract* with us: a legally binding agreement in which non-performance renders the agreement null and void. God invites us to a **covenant** of faithful love. No matter how often we fall short of our side of the bargain, God always remains faithful. Why? Because that is who God is: faithful love. So Jesus says to us: "*I am with you always, until the end of time.*"

This weekend, we also celebrate this love reflected in those who have embraced covenant love with a partner through the sacrament of marriage. Without forgetting those who, whether through choice or circumstance, remain single, or those whose marriages have broken down, let us give thanks for the couples in our parish who bear witness to Christ through a love that is faithful, committed, and life-giving. We honour especially the newly-married, those celebrating special anniversaries, and those who have just completed the 7-week ALPHA "Marriage Course", led by John and Nathalie Bondyra. One of my favourite wedding songs, **How Beautiful The Body of Christ**, shows the link between Marriage and Eucharist:

*How beautiful the radiant bride / Who waits for her groom with His light in her eyes  
How beautiful when humble hearts give/ The fruit of pure lives so that others may live  
How beautiful the feet that bring / The sound of good news and the love of the King  
How beautiful the hands that serve/ The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ!*

**GOD BLESS YOU!      THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for making my celebration of 50 years of religious profession as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary so meaningful. Thank you to all those who worked on the liturgy and the reception, and to all those who offered their wishes and their prayers in various ways. You continue to give me reasons to live the following words of our foundress, Mother Marie-Rose: ***Always appreciate the days God gives you.*** May you too be filled with gratitude as you look back on the past and as you live the present. May you look forward to the future, knowing that you are in God's loving hands. With my love and prayers, *Sr. Beverley*



*The Spirit Gives Life*

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016**

For Young Adults currently aged 17-35 who are interested in attending International World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland, there will be an information session at the Archdiocese of Montreal Youth Ministry office: June 9, 2015 at 7 P.M. The address is 2000, Sherbrooke West, Montréal, QC, H3H 1G4. For more information, visit <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/wyd>

**Feast of St. Josemaria Escriva (Founder of Opus Dei )**

All are cordially invited to a Solemn Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 pm. at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral. Confessions will be heard starting at 7:00 p.m. [www.opusdei.ca](http://www.opusdei.ca)

## MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 6 TO 14, 2015

### Saturday, June 6: St. Norbert

**4:00 In Loving Memory:** Mike Kilbertus, Alessandro Palladini, Aniello D'Addio, Ignazio Ciampini, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Ramon Moran, Filomena Masella Baratta.

### Sunday, June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

**8:30** Mirella Trocchia Monti By Sylvia & Tony Supino  
Antonio Cavallaro By his Family  
**11:00** Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family  
Mary Josephine Harty By the Glover Family

### Monday, June 8: Weekday Mass

**8:00** Mirella Monti Trocchia By Parishioner

### Tuesday, June 9: St. Ephrem, St. Columbkille

**8:00** Birthday Thanksgiving By Angelita Pealane  
Giacomo Fiori By wife Berardina & Family

### Wednesday, June 10: Weekday Mass

**8:00** Anna Brabant By Pat Brabant

### Thursday, June 11: St. Barnabas

**8:00** Dorothy Rice By the Rice & Walder Family

### Friday, June 12: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**8:00** Mel & Margherite Casa By their brother Philip

### Saturday, June 13: St. Anthony of Padua (or)

#### The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**4:00** Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci  
Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Farinelli Family  
Antonietta & Vincenzo La Posta By Concetta La Posta

### Sunday, June 14: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30 In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Antonio Ricci, Deceased Members of the Cullen Family, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati, Pietro Di Meglio.  
**11:00** Christina Caringi By Ida Onesi & Family  
Nicola & Teresa Pitaro By the Rotiroti Family

### Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of May 30/31, 2015 totalled \$3,592.30.



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP ON SATURDAY, MAY 30 FOR CLEANING UP ST. MONICA'S CHURCH & RECTORY!!**

## CAMP CARITAS

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For Information and to Registration:

**Campcaritas.ca**

## ST. MONICA'S VOLUNTEER

### APPRECIATION DAY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015**

**2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

### IN THE PARISH HALL

Dear Volunteers of St. Monica's Parish. Whatever your area of involvement: pastoral home care, liturgy, sacramental preparation, faith formation, youth, prayer and spiritual growth, social outreach, stewardship, or ministries at the service of the community such as wardens and pastoral council, you are a precious and important part of the community. We literally couldn't do it without you! **Come and join us in the parish hall on Sunday afternoon, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. Please let us know no later than this Monday, June 8, whether you will be able to join us. Call the office at 514-481-0267.**

## FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2015 /2016 season are available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 15 and return it the rectory to guarantee a spot. The cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further information or an electronic copy of the registration form, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at [jennie.armstrong@bell.net](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net).



**GO  
LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER!**