

**SACRAMENTAL LIVING: ONE IN THE SPIRIT!**

Today, the Church celebrates its “birthday” with the feast of Pentecost. It is a scene of great drama – rushing wind, tongues of fire, the uttering of many languages. It is also a scene of inner transformation: timid disciples empowered to speak boldly, in a way that no matter what the religious, cultural, and linguistic differences, each hears the message in a language they can understand. Such is the power of God’s Holy Spirit: to break down the walls of division and to create the unity that is the Father’s desire for all creation. From the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Church is born – and reborn, in every age.

Here at St. Monica’s, we form a richly diverse community. We come from many lands, we speak different languages, we express our faith in a variety of devotions and spiritualities. Yet in the Spirit, gathered around the Lord’s table, we truly form One Body. This year, as we have sought to grow in the practice of “living sacramentally”, we have had occasion to embrace more deeply the vocation we all share as baptized and confirmed Catholics, nourished by the Eucharist to live as the Body of Christ in the world. With joy, we welcomed 23 young people to the table in Holy Communion, and 38 more to the fullness of the Spirit’s gifts in Confirmation. Fr. Gerry Westphal preached on the importance of listening, discerning, and responding to God’s call to holiness and mission, and witnessed to his call as a priest.

Next Sunday, at the 11:00 Mass, we honour all those who have given themselves generously to service to the Lord and his people in the many forms of consecrated life. Twelve couples are completing their participation in the ALPHA marriage-enrichment seminar and will be celebrated, along with all other couples, on the weekend of June 6-7. Finally, on Sunday June 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., we will gather in appreciation of the many volunteers who, in a wide variety of ministries, share their gifts with competence and generosity to make our community stronger. We are blessed by so many gifts of the Spirit, by so much generosity of response!

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.  
O comforter and friend, how we need your touch again.  
Let your power fall, let your voice be heard.  
Come and change our hearts as we stand on your word.  
Holy Spirit, rain down!*



**FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION:** Registration forms for 2015-16 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 to 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 info 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).

**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: liturgy, faith formation, sacramental preparation, youth, prayer and spiritual growth, social outreach, pastoral home care, 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<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. There we will:**

- Experience fellowship; Share stories, memories of the past, and hopes for the future
- Recognize the important work that each of you is doing
- Share a delicious “high tea” with sandwiches, sweets, and beverages

**Please let your ministry leader know no later than Sunday, May 31, whether you will be able to join us.** Ministry leaders are asked to e-mail their list of names to the parish office ([st-monica@videotron.ca](mailto:st-monica@videotron.ca)) no later than **Wednesday, June 3**, so that we can do the final compilation of participants and so adequately prepare for this wonderful event! Looking forward to a wonderful celebration together!

Father Raymond, on behalf of the Pastoral Council

## MASS INTENTIONS MAY 23 TO 31, 2015

### Saturday, May 23: Dedication of St. Teresa of Avila Cathedral

4:00 Antonio & Domenica Poliziani By Niece  
Leonardo Ricciardi By wife Maria Carmela Ricciardi

### Sunday, May 24: Pentecost Sunday

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati,  
Deceased members of the Petosa Family and the Cullen Family

11:00 Ann & Jim Young By their Family  
Fioravante Rotiroti By the Rotiroti Family

### Monday, May 25: Weekday Mass

8:00 Catherine Scerbo By Rita Gillespie

### Tuesday, May 26: St. Philip Neri

8:00 Steven Adam By Gary Rooney  
Pasquale & Rosa Ferrara By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara

### Wednesday, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 Luigi, Antonio & Sanda Onesi By Settimia Onesi  
Elizabeth Flynn By Sharon

### Thursday, May 28: St. Germain

8:00 Lina Nardi By Son & Family

### Friday, May 29: Weekday Mass

8:00 Deceased members of the Maiolo, By Family  
Mazzella, and Ienco Families  
Aldo Brocca By his Daughter

### Saturday, May 30: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Antonio Bei By Gabriella Bei & Family  
Aniello D'Addio By Franca D'Addio & Family  
Rose Buono By Franca D'Addio

### Sunday, May 31: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 Cruciano Nardinocchi By his mother Edda  
Lorenzo Galvan By Pat Brabant

11:00 **In Loving Memory:**  
Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald Family

### Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of May 16/17, 2015 totalled \$3,472.85. Special collection for Archdiocesan Campaign totalled \$1,434.00.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! ON SATURDAY, MAY 30

To Clean The Church & Rectory  
For A Special Celebration On  
Sunday May 31 To Honor Those  
In Consecrated Life!

### SPRING CLEANING DAY!

Saturday, May 30 At St. Monica's  
Parish 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
(Coffee & Muffins to start)

Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church to register.



### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who helped make the Confirmation and First Communion liturgies a memorable ceremony for the children. A special thank you goes out to Bridget Fetterly and Paolo Bassi for donating the floral arrangement for the altar.

## MATRIMONY MASS

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Please consider participating in the Matrimony Mass on **Saturday, June 6, at 4 p.m.** Couples married at St. Monica's over the past year are also invited. There will be a small reception after the mass.

To participate, please **sign up** at the back of the church or call or email the parish office **before June 2.** We also ask participating couples to please bring a photo of themselves. This will be put on **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** display at the back of the church and returned to the couple after the mass.



### COOL Youth Group Mass and BBQ

Saturday, May 30, 4 p.m.

(Youth mass followed by a BBQ)  
Open to Grade 7-10 youth and a special welcome to the newly confirmed youth of the parish. Bring your family and a salad or dessert to share. We'll provide the BBQ items and lead some games.

RSVP to Claire Brown at

514-482-7493 or

[stmonicayouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicayouth@gmail.com)

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