

***As Summer Approaches ...***

It has been a full year indeed! As we re-enter Ordinary Time this weekend, we do so filled with so many graces: of the joy of the Resurrection at Easter, of the Lord's promise to be with us "always, until the end of time" at his Ascension, realized in the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and deepened in our pondering of the mysteries of the Holy Trinity and of Christ's self-gift in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

This week marks two other great feasts: the Sacred Heart, a beautiful symbol of Christ's heart burning with compassion for his people, and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist – the last and greatest of the prophets, who proclaimed the coming of Christ, and who is honoured in a special way here in Quebec as our patron saint.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II established that on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart, the Church should observe the ***World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests***. In my new ministry as episcopal vicar, I find myself working more and more closely with our priests, and in doing so, I encounter both the usual signs of human brokenness but also a desire to serve the Lord and his people in holiness and truth. Indeed, in St. Paul's words, we "carry a treasure in earthen vessels." So let us join our prayers with those of Catholics around the world who, this past Friday, offered their prayers and sacrifices that all priests might fulfil their vocation to be for the world the heart of Christ, the good and true Shepherd:

*Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth.*

*Make them more greatly aware of the grace*

*that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments,*

*and help them to fall more deeply in love with You*

*with each and every Mass that they celebrate.*

*Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock,*

*when they are in doubt of their faith,*

*that they may be examples of your Truth*

*and guide us always on the path to you.*

*We ask these things, O Lord, through Christ our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

**HAVE A GOOD SUMMER EVERYONE!**

**PETITION RE TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS**

We are encouraged to sign an on-line petition initiated by a Member of Parliament in British Columbia. The petition focuses on the elimination of closed work permits (permits tying the worker to one employer), improvements regarding access to permanent residency, and better monitoring of employers and recruiters.

It is worth noting that, in Quebec, we have many temporary foreign workers, such as migrant farm workers and home care workers who take care of children and the elderly in their homes.

**You are invited to sign this petition to the Government of Canada. It can be found on line at: <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1034>**

**GOOD NEWS FROM THE ALRAYES FAMILY**

The Syrian refugee family of six that we are sponsoring finally had their interview at the Canadian Embassy in Jordan on May 9. It appears that the meeting went well. Thank you so much for your prayers, but please continue to pray. It is a long and difficult process for any refugee family. If all goes well, the family will soon submit to medical exams and an orientation to Canadian society. Then security checks are necessary before a final decision and the issuance of the visa. The Canadian interviewer hopes that the family will be in Canada by the end of 2017. For more information, including recent newsletters to the Alrayes and an updated photo, please consult the parish website [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca) and scroll down Ministries – Faith and Justice – Refugee Sponsorship.

## MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 17 TO 25, 2017

### Saturday, June 24: The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

4:00 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
Antonio Bei By wife Gabriella Bei & Family  
Joseph Rampersaud By his Wife

### Sunday, June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Giuseppina Fiori By her Children  
Lionel (Bill) Brookes By his wife Elisa Nucci  
Stella & John Brimo By Lisa Brimo  
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Domenic & Rose Caringi, Patricia Murphy,  
Fioravante Rotiroti, Allister Samuel.

### Monday, June 26: Weekday Mass

8:00 Myrna Kennedy By Pierrette Nolet

### Tuesday, June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Alexis & Family By Marion Doyle

### Wednesday, June 28: St. Irenaeus

8:00 Ignazio Ciampini By Ernesta Ciampini

### Thursday, June 29: St. Peter & St. Paul

8:00 Myrna Kennedy By the Pendenza Family

### Friday, June 30: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 Rob Brodrick By Claire Veilleux-Brodrick

### Saturday, July 1: Our Lady's Saturday / Canada Day

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Alessandro Pallanini, Pietro Di Meglio, Anita  
Tito & Forlini, Lucille Wong.

### Sunday, July 2: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
Johnny & George Brimo By Lisa Brimo  
Antonio Ricci By wife Antonia & Family  
11:00 Alessandro Fiori By his Children

#### Your Generosity...

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of June 17/18, 2017 totalled \$3,020.90. Special collection for Papal Charities totalled \$985.00.

### "SAVE THE DATE" PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF THE CAPE SHRINE



We are currently preparing a day long parish pilgrimage to **Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, Quebec**. We invite you to "Save the Date" of **Saturday, September 30th** so that you can be part of this prayerful and empowering experience. Details will follow in August.

### HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS!

If you have moved or are moving soon, please call the office at 514-481-0267 and give us your new address so that we can update our records. This is especially important if you have a donation box.

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH!

If you are new to St. Monica's Church, we invite you to register as a parishioner by filling out the orange registration form which you will find posted on the church doors as you come in. Once filled out, you can simply hand it in at the parish office, send by mail, or place the registration form in the Sunday collection baskets.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Office Closed:  
Monday, June 26  
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Monday, July 3

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., there will be a memorial service celebrated in the Atrium at Loyola High School for John LeGros former pastor of St. Monica's parish.

### OFFICE HOURS IN JULY

#### **Regular Office Hours:**

**(9:00 am to 4:00 pm)**

June 27 - 29, July 4 - 6,  
24 - 27 and July 31

#### **2-Week Office Summer**

#### **Holiday Hours:**

**(From 9 am to 12 noon only)**

July 10-13 and July 17-20

#### **Regular Hours In August**

### **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



### **SUMMER BULLETIN PUBLICATIONS**

This is the last **regular** bulletin to be published until the end of August.

However, there will be one published for July 2 with all the masses intentions listed for the month of July and another one at the beginning of August with the listings of August mass intentions.