

“EVERY FAMILY NEEDS A FATHER”

*This weekend, we celebrate Fathers' Day. As the Church prepares for the **Synod on the Vocation of the Family in the Church and the World** this coming October, Pope Francis has been dedicating the catechesis at his Wednesday general audiences to different challenges facing the family today. Let us listen to Pope Francis' words on the essential role of **fathers**:*

“Every family needs a father. Nothing better expresses the pride a father feels when he sees that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life: a wise heart. A good father does not say: “I am proud of you because you are the same as me, because you repeat what I say and do”, but rather, “I am happy every time I see you act and speak with wisdom. This is what I want to leave to you: the capacity to feel and act, to speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude.” Wise and mature fathers know what it costs to hand down this heritage: how close, how gentle, how firm to be. But what consolation and what reward he receives when the children honour this legacy! It is a joy that rewards all the toil, overcomes every misunderstanding, and heals every wound. (...)”

The first need is this: that a father be **present** in the family. That he be close to his wife, sharing everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship; and that he be close to his children as they grow. To say “present” is not to say “controlling”! Fathers who are too controlling cancel out their children, they don't let them develop. Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the “prodigal son”, or better, the “merciful father” (Luke 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father, who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; **pray and wait with patience, gentleness, generosity and mercy.**

A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. He knows how to correct with firmness, without weakness or sentimentality. Without the grace that comes from their heavenly Father, fathers lose courage. (...) The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for, like St. Joseph, they are irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, in justice and in God's protection.”

*A fine message to conclude this year's series of “A Word from the Pastor”! From all of us here at St. Monica's, best wishes and prayers for a restful and restoring summer, and renewed energies to serve Our Lord and one another throughout the coming year! **Happy Fathers' Day!***

TO FATHER WITH LOVE

Some things will always be in style. Good solid things like honesty, and trust and caring about people. It's qualities like these that keep us aware of who we are and what we can give to life. It's qualities like these, father that you've taught me to value, through your influence, your example, and your love. It has made me love you very much, and has made me very proud to have you for my father.



OUR FOOD PANTRY, in a partnership with **Action Communiterre**, has created a community garden on our property behind the church. Produce from the garden will go to the people who come to the Food Pantry for emergency food assistance. Any parishioners who are interested in joining in on this project, please call Deacon Dennis at the parish office 514-481-0267.

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 20 TO 28, 2015

Saturday, June 20: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Elvira & Felice Caucci By Niece
Antonio Bei By Gabriella Bei & Family
Mary Stewart By George & Pauline Wong

Sunday, June 21: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Allister Samuel By wife Rita Samuel & Family
Valerio Michetti By the Piccolino Family
11:00 In Loving Memory: Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone,
Deceased members Charles J. McDonald Family

Monday, June 22: St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher

8:00 NO MASS CELEBRATED

Tuesday, June 23: Weekday Mass

8:00 Mary Stewart By C.W.L. St. Patrick's

Wednesday, June 24: Nativity of St. John The Baptist

8:00 Luigi, Antonio & Sandra Onesi By Settimia Onesi

Thursday, June 25: Weekday Mass

8:00 Gino Gerolamo By Giuseppina Gerolamo

Friday, June 26: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giuseppina Fiori By her Children

Saturday, June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria

4:00 In Loving Memory: Pietro Di Meglio, Domenico Forliano,
Pasquale D'Addio, Danny Dupont, Lucille Wong.

Sunday, June 28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Joseph Rampersaud By his Wife
Violante & Cesare Camaiani By Piccolino Family
11:00 Costanza & Rosolino Sparapani By Maria Sparapani
Amilcare & Pino Mattei By Giuseppina & Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of June 13/14, 2015 totalled \$2,524.00. Special Collection for Papal Charities totalled \$1,579.00.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jennifer Dickson and Helen Donahue for the wonderful work they did putting together the Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, June 6, and to the many parishioners who helped and participated!!!



CHANGES TO LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALETTES

Beginning with the October subscription, the number of Living With Christ daily missalettes will be reduced in number to 40 per month. However, the Sunday Yearly Mass Books 2015/2016 edition will be increased. This will help us reduce the high cost of booklets. To order your own personal Living With Christ daily missalette, you can order by internet: novalis.ca/LC1506, email: living@novalis.ca or call toll free: 1-800-387-7164.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many parishioners who put together a very special Parish Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Sunday, June 14!

A very special thanks to Sister Lorraine Lebert and her team that helped to make it a great success!!!

PARISHIONERS IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

REMINDER

As of last Monday, June 15, access to the church is limited to the **EAST and WEST** side doors of the church.

**ALL FRONT DOORS OF
THE CHURCH WILL BE
CLOSED BECAUSE OF
REPAIRS TO THE
CHURCH STEPS.**

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Office closed:

Wednesday, June 24

Office re-opened:

Thursday, June 25

Office closed:

Wednesday, July 1

Office re-opened:

Thursday, July 2

MASS CANCELLATIONS DURING the SUMMER

The following Monday Masses will be cancelled in June and July:

June 22, 29 and

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Mass on Mondays will
resume August 3.

OFFICE HOURS IN JULY

Regular Office Hours:
(8:30 am to 3:30 pm)

June 29 - July 2, July 20 - 23,
and July 27-30

**2-Week Office Summer
Holiday Hours:**

(From 9 am to 12 noon only)
July 6-9 and July 13-16

Regular Hours In August