

**TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:
EXAMINING OUR LIVES ... AND OUR HISTORY**

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring diverse ways in which we as adults are being called to growth in faith and transformation in the Holy Spirit. This week, I would like to highlight two programs that will begin here at St. Monica's this November. Both are connected to being attentive to how the Spirit is at work in our lives: our personal lives as individuals and families, and our collective life as a church community.

Most of us would like to live a life more attuned to the presence of God's Spirit, cooperating with the gentle movements the Spirit evokes in us. But how exactly do I do this, in the midst of my hectic, busy, everyday life – with all its stresses and demands? **Cathie Macaulay**, a gifted spiritual director and teacher, will be at St. Monica's this coming Saturday morning (**Nov. 5th**) to present and help us experience "***The Examen: Holding What Gives You Life.***" This spiritual practice, drawn from the deep wells of Ignatian spirituality, is a simple and remarkably effective tool that, when practiced faithfully, helps us become more attentive, more discerning and more in step with the Holy Spirit. That's good news for us – and the people all around us!

The Spirit is also at work in our shared journey as a faith community. Attempts to present the history of the Church typically go to one of two extremes: focusing only on the "nice parts" (missionary expansion, the witness of the saints, the "good Popes", the smooth unfolding of doctrine) or alternately, looking only at the "scandals": schisms, heresies, corruption, the Crusades, the Inquisition, intolerance. Inspired by the BBC video series ***A History of Christianity***, featuring Oxford Professor **Diarmaid MacCulloch**, we will identify both the signs and counter-signs of the action of the Holy Spirit through two millennia of Church history. We will explore how Christianity spread east **and** west from its origins in Jerusalem, trace the development of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, consider the impact of the Protestant Reformation, the rise of Evangelical Christianity, and discern how the Spirit is moving the Church to respond to a post-modern, secular age. I am grateful that Jennifer Dickson, professor of history at Marianopolis, and Robert Assaly, a patristics scholar, will be joining me to animate what promises to be a fascinating and intellectually stimulating program: "*everything you wanted to know about the history of the Church, but were afraid (or didn't know enough) to ask!*" Please join us for our first three sessions, which will be held Wednesday evenings **November 9, 16, and 23** – and bring a friend!

MENTORSHIP MINISTRY – A CALL FOR MENTORS

The Mentorship Ministry is a group of Catholic friends journeying with God and each other. We are seeking **MENTORS** interested in supporting young adults (18-35) along their Christian journey and career path. If you would you like to continue to guide others, a Mentorship session will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9:30 – 12:30. Information on the goals and commitment required will be available at this session. If you are interested in attending please email Patricia Tuck at mentorshipm@gmail.com by November 12, 2016.

ENGLISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RALLY & BISHOP CROWLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

For more than 30 years, the English Speaking Catholic Council has hosted the Catholic Community Rally, a vibrant gathering of the organizations, sodalities and services which work with and amongst the English-speaking Catholic community of Montreal. **Come join us on November 11-12, 2016** and witness the vitality and strength of our community when over 40 groups will be gathered under one roof! These two days will provide an excellent opportunity to meet old friends, network with like-minded partners and discover new initiatives.

On November 11th at 8:30 p.m., the Council will be presenting the **Bishop Crowley Memorial Award**. The award recognizes distinguished service in the English-speaking Catholic community of Greater Montreal, by an individual, group or organization. The **deadline** for nominations is **October 31st**. To receive further information about the award or the Rally, please contact the English Speaking Catholic Council by e-mail at escc@bellnet.ca. Come join us!

The **English Catholic Community Rally** will be held at **La Plaza** (420 Sherbrooke Street Ouest) on Friday, **November 11th** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** and on Saturday, **November 12th** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Admission is free.

MASS INTENTIONS OCT. 29 TO NOV. 6, 2016

Saturday, October 29: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Pasquale D'Addio By Franca D'Addio
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo
Adamo Francescangeli By Nicolina Tedeschi

Sunday, October 30: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Eva Richardson, John Cowhig.
11:00 Lorne Spencer By wife Dina Fiori
Rosa & Luigi Mammone By Ida Onesì & Family
Deceased members of the By Mary McDonald
Charles J. McDonald Family

Monday, October 31: Weekday Mass

8:00 Antonio Palucci By wife Maria Theresa
Cruciano Nardocchi By his Mother

Tuesday, November 1: All Saints

8:00 ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, November 2: All Souls' Day

8:00 ALL SOULS

Thursday, November 3: St. Martin de Porres

8:00 Deceased members of Turini & Pozzi Family By Pietrina Turini
Franco Spurio By wife Iolada Spurio

Friday, November 4: St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 Giovanna, Pietro, Americo & Argeo Forlini By Michele and
Vincenzina Ferrara
Deceased members of Tumambing Family By Nora

Saturday, November 5: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Family
Tito Forlini By Fausto & Albano & Family
Iole Falciani By Falciani Family

Sunday, November 6: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Giovanna & Pasquale Albanesi By Amelia Albanesi
Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family
Amilcare & Pino Mattei By Fiori Family
11:00 In Loving Memory: Rosalino & Constanza Sparapani, Betty & Wilfred
Martin, Nick Cordopatri, Beatrice Gagnon, Jacqueline James-Hosten.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of October 22.23, 2016 totalled \$2,300.80. Special Collection for Missions Totalled \$1,288.00

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

"AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION"

Development & Peace thanks you for your ongoing commitment to working for justice and rallying to the cause of the world's most vulnerable people. When we act together, change is possible. We are a cross-Canada movement that is taking action for global peace and justice. We rely on your support, for without you there would be no action, no change, no justice.

IN LOVING MEMORY"

You are invited to record the names of your deceased family members and friends in our "Loving Memory" books that are situated around the church. These books will be placed on the altar and your deceased loved ones will be prayed for at all the masses during the month of November. Also, at the church entrance are "All Souls" envelopes for your donation and to mark the names of your deceased loved ones.

The "All Souls Day" donation envelopes will be collected during the weekend masses of November 12/13 as a special collection.

Adult Faith Enrichment

Upcoming events

The Examen: Holding What Gives You Life

Have you ever wondered how you can follow the Spirit more closely in the midst of your busy, everyday life? Join **Cathie Macaulay** next **Saturday, November 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall to learn how a centuries-old spiritual practice called "The Examen" can be used as a simple tool to help us become more attentive, more discerning, and more in step with the Holy Spirit. Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 2.**

Coffee and Conversation

Join us next **Sunday, November 6, from 9:45 to 10:45 am**, in the rectory dining room to view THE WILD GOOSE video, **Breath of God**. Free babysitting is available if you make arrangements with Anna no later than Wednesday, November 2. All are welcome!

Discerning The Spirit At Work In Our Common History: A History of Christianity

Inspired by the BBC video series "A History of Christianity", our six-part series, led by

Fr. Ray Lafontaine, Jennifer Dickson, and Robert Assaly, will help us identify the signs of the Holy Spirit over two millennia of Church history, and discern where the Spirit is moving the Church today. Join us for the first three parts of the series on **Wed. evenings: Nov. 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The remaining three parts will be presented in March 2017. Please register by **November 7.**

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional info. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or call Anna at the office.