

“HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS”

What makes a “house” a “home”? If we believe the real-estate agents, the value of a home is defined by external factors: size of the lot, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, richness of decoration, perks like a finished basement, a remodelled kitchen, and all the modern gadgets that make life easier and more comfortable. And of course ... location, location, location! (Try Toronto and Vancouver!)

Although this may accurately measure a *house's* financial value, it is at best peripheral to the deeper question of what constitutes a true “*home*.” In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the disciples that in his Father's house, there are many dwelling-places. Jesus is the one “Way” leading us to our true home, but it contains many rooms, including one “just-made” for each of us. As diverse and different as we are, each of us can be at home in the Father's house. Jesus is the cornerstone, the foundation on which the Father's house is built. At the same time, each one of us is a “living stone”, unique and irreplaceable, an essential part of the “building up” of the Church as a spiritual home in which all are welcome.

This weekend, we have many reasons to celebrate! Delegated by our Archbishop, I will seal our young people with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, commissioning them to keep bearing proud witness to their faith. We will welcome our younger members to the Lord's table, as they celebrate their **First Holy Communion**. And of course, we honour our **mothers** this weekend, giving thanks for those wonderful women who first made a home for us: in their bodies, in their hearts, in their lives! So whatever we are celebrating this weekend, let us experience the real presence of Jesus in our lives, helping us to claim our unique and permanent home in the Father's house. May our church home here at St. Monica's always be a place of welcome and embrace:

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ will end divisions: all are welcome in this place.*

LITTLE GIFTS: We would like to thank all those children who participated in our “Little Gifts” program this season. To all the moms and dads, please remember that your “Little Gifts” are always welcome at all our Masses. Thank you to Elena, Alexandra, Michael and Sofia for their continued support of the very important ministry.



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: This weekend we celebrate the



Confirmation of 24 of our young people. Congratulations to: Maddison Abreu, Stone Aitken, Nathan Drake Allana, Elishah (Gina) Alphonse, Chiara Caucci, Benjamin Cere, Dante Ersoni, Victoria Ersoni, Ben Hopper, Shermar Lowe, Erin Lindsey Manila, Samantha Marino, Jessica Regine Mislang, Keshana Nelson-Redhead, Marianne Ortaleza, Perlianne Ortaleza, Stella Palucci-Hallé, Alyssa Pérez, Jack Pilon, Jelines Richmond, Luca Rotili Pedicelli, Janelle Sanchez-Akbaba, Christina Thorpe-Hung, and Marivic Villareal.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION: We are happy to celebrate this weekend the First Communion of 31 young people from our parish. Congratulations to: Alexandra Aiello, Errol Alcantara, Julwin Allana, Victoria Baptista, Thomas Beaulieu, Mary Blancas, Mecca Carter, Arianne Joy Cercena, Charlotte Davy, Maya Di Fazio, Ciara Doyle Thun, Adriana Falciani, Sabrina Hamdo, Glenald Joseph, Tyler Joseph-Lewis, Asha Kanya, Justin Lowe, Shermar Lowe, Aaron Miranda, Matteo Monsalve, Keshana Nelson-Redhead, Kusheem Nelson-Redhead, Charlotte Neus Bazinet (St. Ignatius), Sura Ogbit, Amanda Pérez, Ayanah Poonin, Ava Ricci, Wilbert-Gio Tamayo, Petros Tesfamichael, Layla Vargannyi and Alexandre Wong.

May this be the beginning of a long life of celebrating the Eucharist. May you always appreciate Jesus in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in people.

Thank you to all the catechists and catechist helpers who have so lovingly and faithfully prepared our young people for this special privilege.

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 13 TO MAY 21, 2017

Saturday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 Maiolo, Mazzella & Ienco Family By the Family
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By his wife Elvira Nudo
Assunto & Nazzareno Sontache By Maria Teresa Palucci

Sunday, May 14: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 Giovanni Ciampini By Claudia & George
Giovanni, Maria & Elena Piccolino By Piccolino Family
Patricia Faith Harvison By Salviati Family
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Giovanni & Palma Farinelli, Iole Falciani,
Nicola & Stella Rotitori, Deceased members of the Cullen Family,
Vincenzo Tedeschi, Anita & Tito Forlini, Gelsomina Tedeschi,
Tomasina & Giulio Tedeschi.

Monday, May 15: St. Joseph the Worker, and St Pius V

8:00 Special Intentions for all Parishioners

Tuesday, May 16: St. Athanasius

8:00 Maria Broncatala, Giuseppe Broncatala, By Teresa
and Roberto Mastramonaco Mastramonaco

Wednesday, May 17: St. Philip & St. James

8:00 Loretta & Donato Pedicelli By Ernesta Ciampini

Thursday, May 18: Weekday Mass

8:00 Domenica & Antonio Poliziani By Maria Bruno De Ciccio

Friday, May 19: St. Weekday Mass

8:00 Eva Ciampini By Claudi & George

Saturday, May 20: St. Francois de Laval Catherine of Siena

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Angelo Caucci, Leonard & Terry Winslade,
Alessandro Palladini, Pietro Di Meglio, Mario Stemberga.

Sunday, May 21: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 Antonio & Annunziata By Piccolino Family
11:00 Nadia Di Onesi By Ida & Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of May 6/7, 2017 totalled \$3,842.00. Maintenance totalled \$1,002.00

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS: We would like to thank Mr. Martin Allaire and the Collins Clarke Macgillivray White Funeral Home for donating the beautiful flowers that were offered to all the wonderful women of our parish in celebration of Mother's Day. This generous gift brings such joy to this special occasion!

FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION: Registration forms for 2017-18 Season are now available at the entrances of the church, church hall, & rectory. **PLEASE NOTE: All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 14 (to know how many books to order) & return it to the rectory to guarantee a spot.** Cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more if you register by Sunday, June 25. **(After that date, \$20 will added on: \$80-\$100, \$105-\$125, \$125-\$145).** 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Next Weekend May 20/21
Annual Collection of the Catholic Church of Montreal

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

NETWORKING

AT ST. MONICA'S

This Wine and Cheese Event continues the networking initiative introduced at St. Monica's Church. There will be time to mingle and enjoy light refreshments. It will be sponsored by Arnel Javier, founder and Director of CLC Montreal Language School on Monkland (www.clcmontreal.com). It will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Rectory. Limited to 20 people. A voluntary donation of \$20 is suggested as a cover charge. Please confirm your presence by contacting Patricia Tuck at pa.tuck@hotmail.com no later than May 19, 2017. The Networking Team (Theresa Murphy, Ken Saldanha, Patricia Tuck, Arnel Javier).

NOTE: If you would like to get a hold of Robert Assaly, you can call at 514-481-0267 or his cell at 514-481-3310. Robert is in the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

MENTORSHIP MINISTRY

A CALL FOR MENTEES

The Mentorship Ministry is a group of Catholic friends journeying with God and each other. We are seeking MENTEES, young adults (18-35 years of age) who are embarking on or have begun on their career path and would benefit from contact with a Mentor, Mentors are available to guide you on your career path with their experience and friendship. To sign up as a Mentee or for further info on the Ministry email Patricia Tuck at mentorshipm@gmail.com or telephone 438-399-4088 by May 29th, 2017.

FAIR TRADE
NEXT WEEKEND