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## ST. MONICA'S PARISH COUNCIL > Survey ends this weekend on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- > Your answers will help us to better understand and meet your needs as parishioners of Saint Monica's. It's a short questionnaire, easy to understand, and includes a section for additional comments.
- > Please come to the back of the church after Mass to pick up a printed copy, or kindly email [stmonicaparish.survey@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicaparish.survey@gmail.com) to receive the online version. After completing the printed version, please return it and place it in the box at the back of the church.
- > We appreciate your cooperation and thank you kindly for completing the survey.

## ST. MONICA'S FOOD PANTRY – CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

### ✨ JOIN US IN SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY! ✨

- > As the Season of Giving approaches, our church's Food Pantry is gearing up for the annual **Christmas Basket** distribution, set to take place during the second week of December 2023. We need your help to make this year's event a resounding success!

### > 🥤 WHAT TO DONATE?

Please consider donating non-perishable food items such as **canned goods, pasta, rice, canned fruits, vegetables, and other essential pantry items**. Additionally, any **toiletries, or festive treats** are greatly appreciated.

### > 🗑️ WHERE TO DROP OFF DONATIONS?

You can drop off your donations in the designated collection bins located at the church entrance. Look for the marked bins and share the spirit of Christmas with those less fortunate.

- > Thank you for your generosity and love. Let's make this Christmas a season of compassion and unity, spreading joy throughout our parish and beyond.

**FAITHFIRST – SACRAMENTAL CLASSES** > First Reconciliation / First Communion preparation classes will begin after Thanksgiving. If your child is in **Grade 3 or higher**, and would like to prepare for these Sacraments, please send an email to [faithfirst@stmonica.ca](mailto:faithfirst@stmonica.ca) or call the office at (514) 481-0267.

- > Confirmation preparation classes will also begin after Thanksgiving. If your child is in **Grade 6 or higher**, please send an email to [faithfirst@stmonica.ca](mailto:faithfirst@stmonica.ca) or call the office as soon as possible to register.
- > Once these Sacramental classes are up and running, then programs for **Grades 1, 2, 4 & 5** will be announced.

**SEASON OF CREATION** > Today starts the 5<sup>TH</sup> and final week of the Season of Creation. Let Justice and Peace Flow. May we be mindful of the respect the Indigenous Peoples have for Creation. Quoting Pope Francis, "Bring the whole human family together...for we know things can change."

**ST. MONICA'S BOOK CLUB & FAITH-SHARING GROUP** > St. Monica's Book Club and a faith-sharing group will begin meeting again soon. The book club meets on Tuesday evenings, and we will be discussing Richard Rohr's classic Falling Upward, in which ageing is seen as an awakening to a deeper, simpler spirituality. Faith-sharing convenes for 7-week sessions in the Fall and in Spring on Thursdays from 2-3:30. We share on Scripture and on Macrina Wiederkehr's commentary from Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God. If you are interested in joining either or both, please contact Barbara DeLorenzi at (514) 486-5884. Book purchases are necessary in both cases.



## ST. MONICA'S SCHOOL - VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!

Starting Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> St. Monica's School is offering Free School Breakfasts to their school children. If anyone wishes to volunteer one hour per week from 8:00am – 9:00am, **on any weekday**, please contact **Avice Roberts-Joseph (514) 486-2769**. Please help fill this much-needed service!

## MASS INTENTIONS: 30 SEPTEMBER - 8 OCTOBER 2023

**Saturday, 4:00pm – September 30, 2023: MEMORIAL – Saint Jerome, priest & Doctor of the Church**  
*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 9:00am – October 1, 2023: 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Pietro & Feni Di Meglio*

*Elena Di Meglio & family*

*Domenico Stinziani*

*family*

*Natalino Cappello*

*Felicia Venanzi-Giancola*

**Sunday, 11:00am – October 1, 2023: 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Francesco & Teresa Supino*

*daughter*

*Joseph Onesi*

*Ida Onesi & family*

*(Living) Brigitte de Josez*

*Brigitte*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – October 3, 2023: Weekday**

*Marcel Lord*

*Pauling & Marcelle Lord*

*Sandra Patricia Anthony*

*Patricia Lawrence*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – October 4, 2023: MEMORIAL - Saint Francis of Assisi**

*Ilario & Stellina Maiolo*

*family*

*Sandra Patricia Anthony*

*Patricia Lawrence*

**Thursday, 8:30am & 7pm – October 5, 2023 – Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin**

*Sandra Patricia Anthony*

*Patricia Lawrence*

**Friday, 8:30am – October 6, 2023: Saint Bruno, priest**

*Michele Ferrara*

*Vincenzina Ferrara*

*Sandra Patricia Anthony*

*Patricia Lawrence*

**Saturday, 4:00pm – October 7, 2023: MEMORIAL - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

*Aniello D'Addio*

*Franca & children*

*Ignazio Ciampini*

*Ernesta Ciampini & family*

*Angela Ciccarelli*

*family*

**Sunday, 9:00am – October 8, 2023: 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 11:00am – October 8, 2023: 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Basil Alexander*

*family*

*Virginia Lanni*

*family*

*Giacomo Fiori*

*Berardina & family*

*Loreto & Paolina Ciambella*

*daughter, Gabriela*