

# PARISH BULLETIN ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

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### **CHURCH WARDENS:**

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• WEEKEND MASS <u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00pm

**SUNDAY** 9:00am & (11:00am)

(Livestreamed)

WEEKDAY MASS - TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am – All are Welcome!

• EVENING MASS - THURSDAYS - 7:00pm - All are Welcome!

• Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am- 3:30pm - (514) 481-0267 Ext. 221

(Closed: 12:00pm - 1:00pm) – (No Mass on Mondays)

• Parish Secretary: Gina Yee – Ext. 221 - st-monica@videotron.ca

• Faith First: Jennie Parsons Armstrong – Ext. 226 – faithfirst@stmonica.ca

• Food Pantry: Director - Marcelle Lord - 514-550-0125 stmonicasfoodpantry@gmail.com

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

Marriages: Contact the Parish Office 6 months in advance (514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221

Baptisms: Telephone: 514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221 or email the Parish Office: <a href="mailto:st-monica@videotron.ca">st-monica@videotron.ca</a>

**Parish Registration:** Forms are located at the entrance doors. Please enter <u>ALL</u> your contact information and kindly give it to an Usher or place it in the collection baskets. If you want Donation Envelopes with a Registered Box number, please indicate it on your form and one will be assigned to you after you have been contacted. <u>Year-end Tax Receipts</u> will be either mailed or emailed.

On-Line donations – Please register at: <a href="https://www.stmonica.ca">www.stmonica.ca</a> CanadaHelps – Give



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

- > 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 <a href="mailto:stmonicaparish.survey@gmail.com">stmonicaparish.survey@gmail.com</a> 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 <u>Food Pantry</u> is gearing up for the annual **Christmas Basket** distribution, set to take place during the <u>second week of December 2023</u>. We need your help to make this year's event a resounding success!

## > WHAT TO DONATE?

Please consider donating <u>non-perishable food</u> 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 <u>designated collection bins</u> located at the <u>church entrance</u>. 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 <u>season of compassion and unity</u>, spreading joy throughout our parish and beyond.

**FAITHFIRST – SACRAMENTAL CLASSES** > <u>First Reconciliation / First Communion preparation classes</u> 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 <u>faithfirst@stmonica.ca</u> 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 <u>faithfirst@stmonica.ca</u> 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  $5^{TH}$  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 <u>Falling Upward</u>, 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 <u>Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God</u>. 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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 10th</u> 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 & family

Angela Ciccarelli family

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

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Basil Alexander family
Vincinia Lami

Virginia Lanni family

Giacomo Fiori Berardina & family Loreto & Paolina Ciambella daughter, Gabriela