

PARISH BULLETIN ST. MONICA'S CHURCH 6405 rue de Terrebonne, Montréal, QC H4B 1A8 Email: <u>st-monica@videotron.ca</u> Website: <u>www.stmonica.ca</u> Office: (514) 481-0267

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#### **CHURCH WARDENS:**

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|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| WEEKEND   | MASS <u>SATURDA</u>          | <u>Y</u> 4:00pm <u>SUN</u>           | <u>DAY</u> 9:00am & (11:00am)<br>(Livestreamed) |
| <ul> <li>WEEKDAY MASS - <u>TUESDAYS</u> TO <u>FRIDAYS</u> - 8:30am – All are Welcome!</li> <li>EVENING MASS - <u>THURSDAYS</u> - 7:00pm – All are Welcome!</li> </ul> |                              |                                      |   |
| • <b>Office Hours</b> : Monday to Friday 9:30am- 3:30pm - (514) 481-0267 Ext. 221   |                              |                                      |   |
| (Closed: 12:00pm – 1:00pm) – (No Mass on Mondays)   |                              |                                      |   |
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- Parish Secretary: Gina Yee Ext. 221 <u>st-monica@videotron.ca</u>
- Faith First: Jennie Parsons Armstrong Ext. 226 <u>faithfirst@stmonica.ca</u>
- Food Pantry: Director <u>Marcelle Lord</u> <u>514-550-0125</u> <u>stmonicasfoodpantry@gmail.com</u>

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

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

Baptisms: Telephone: 514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221 or email the Parish Office: st-monica@videotron.ca

**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:** <u>www.stmonica.ca</u> **CanadaHelps – Give** 



29 DECEMBER 2024

Access - East Side Entrance



#### A NEW YEAR'S TRIBUTE TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1<sup>st</sup> marks a significant day in our Catholic calendar, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This feast day is a profound reminder of Mary's pivotal role in our salvation story. As the Mother of God, Mary bore Jesus, the Son of God, in her womb, and thus became the instrument of our salvation. As we begin a new year, we are invited to reflect on our relationship with Mary and seek her intercession and guidance. We are reminded of the importance of Mary's "yes" to God's plan, which paved the way for the Incarnation and our redemption. May her example inspire us to trust in God's providence, even in the

face of uncertainty.

As we embark on a new year, let us ask for Mary's intercession and guidance. May we, like Mary, be open to God's plan and willing to say "yes" to his will. May her prayers and guidance inspire us to live out our faith with courage, hope, and love.

Join us as we celebrate this special feast day at our New Year's <u>Eve Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm</u> and our <u>New Year's Day Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am.</u> Together, let us give thanks for the blessings of 2024 and seek Mary's prayers for a fruitful and faith-filled 2025. All are welcome!

#### EMBRACING THE NEW YEAR WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE

As the clock strikes midnight, marking the transition from 2024 to 2025, we stand at the threshold of a new year, filled with infinite possibilities. This moment invites us to reflect on the past year, giving thanks for the blessings we have received, and to look to the future with hope and trust in God.

Pope Francis reminds us, "The future is not something we enter, but something we build." As we step into 2025, we are called to be builders of a brighter future, one that is rooted in our faith and guided by our values.

So, how can we approach the future with trusting hearts? We must acknowledge the uncertainty of the future, yet trust that God is already there, guiding us every step of the way. We must cultivate a sense of hope, not as wishful thinking, but as confident expectation that God will fulfill his promises.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, we give thanks for the blessings of the past year and seek blessings for the coming year. Let us make this new year an opportunity to grow closer to God and to one another.

In this new year, may we be faithful to our resolutions, grounded in our faith. May we attend Mass more regularly, pray more frequently, and serve others in need. May we pray the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet daily, seeking guidance and protection from our heavenly Mother.

As we embark on this new year, let us do so with courage, hope, and trust in God. May we be open to the surprises and challenges that lie ahead, and may we always remember that we are not alone, for God is with us, guiding us every step of the way.



#### THE MAGI'S JOURNEY CONTINUES...

Next weekend, we embark on a profound celebration, as we commemorate the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day honors the courageous journey of the Magi, who bravely followed the star to Bethlehem, seeking the treasure of Jesus Christ. As we reflect on their odyssey, we are reminded that our own journey of faith is ongoing, beckoning us to follow the radiant light of Christ.

This special day illuminates the profound truth that Jesus is the

resplendent light of the world, illuminating the path to love, salvation, and redemption for all humanity.

You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord! Masses will be held on:

#### Saturday, January 4th, at 4:00 pm Sunday, January 5th, at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Come and join us as we worship and celebrate the majestic revelation of Jesus Christ to the world!

#### MASS INTENTIONS – DECEMBER 28, 2024 TO JANUARY 5, 2025

**Saturday, 4:00pm – December 28, 2024: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH** *For All Parishioners Intentions* 

#### Sunday, 9:00am – December 29, 2024: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Amelia Brocca Filomena Di Lella Living – Brigitte's Personal Intention her Daughter Sandra Gasparini Brigitte

#### Sunday, 11:00am – December 29, 2024: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Giuseppina Fiori Fausto Fazi Leonilda Francescangeli her Children Francescangeli Family Gino & Family

**Tuesday, 4:00pm – December 31, 2024: SOLEMNITY-MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** For All Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday, 10:30am – January 1, 2025: SOLEMNITY-MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD For All Parishioners Intentions

### Thursday – 8:30am – January 2, 2025: MEMORIAL – Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen

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Thursday – 7:00pm – January 2, 2025: MEMORIAL – Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Manuel & Lolita Lucena

Teresita Lucena

## Friday, 8:30am – January 3, 2025: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUSYoke Bow HumGina & FamilyTeresina ToniniTonini Family

# Saturday, 4:00pm – January 4, 2025: EPIPHANY OF THE LORDLiving – Personal Intention – Raymond & Hilary JackFamilyLucienne Barbaresi-PerrotDina & Luigi FioriSunday, 9:00am – January 5, 2025: EPIPHANY OF THE LORDFor All Parishioners IntentionsSunday, 11:00am – January 5, 2025: EPIPHANY OF THE LORDAdelaide Fazi FrancescangeliGino & FamilyFilomena Di LellaLaura & Lino Iaizzo

Filomena Di LellaLaura & Lino IaizzoMario & Olga CappelloLuisa & Angelo Falcone