

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Over the past weeks, we have celebrated various aspects of our Catholic identity. Because we are an **Easter** people, we rise to new life in and with Christ. We are a Spirit-filled people, empowered at **Pentecost** to bear witness to one Spirit manifested in a diversity of gifts. We are created in the image of the **Trinity**: Father, Son, and Spirit, "*our God beyond, beside us, and within.*" Today's solemnity of *Corpus Christi* testifies to our identity as a **Eucharistic** people: that we who *receive* the Body and Blood of Christ are transformed in our very selves, to *become* Christ's Body broken for others, his Blood poured out in love for all humanity.

Today's readings express that profound mystery. In gratitude, Abram offers a tithe to Melchizedek, the "priest of God most high"; Paul recalls Jesus' supreme gesture of love at the Last Supper, the gift of his Body and Blood; and finally, Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes, feeding the multitudes from the meager supplies provided by the disciples. We look around us, and we see the overwhelming needs of the world. We become discouraged, we are tempted to give up even before we start. And still, Jesus challenges us: "**you** give them something to eat." He invites us to bring forth the little we have, to share it generously. Then he takes it and works miracles with it. (Our food pantry volunteers experience this wonder on a regular basis!)

We are a people formed and shaped by the Eucharist. We are the hands, the feet, the presence of Jesus in the world: each member of the Body unique, precious, and irreplaceable, contributing to the good of all. So let us, on this feast of the Eucharist, bear visible witness to the divine presence, as we become more fully the One we receive: **the Body of Christ!**

*This bread is light, dissolving, almost air, a little visitation on my tongue,
A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.*

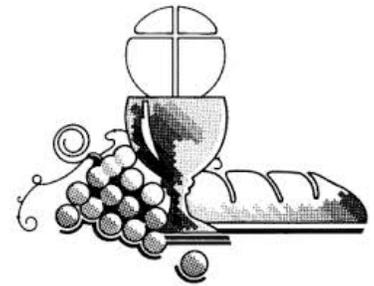
*This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung, a moment to the palate's roof and
fled, even its aftertaste a memory. Yet this is how He comes.*

Through wine and bread Love chooses to be emptied into me.

*He does not come in unimagined light too bright to be denied, too absolute for
consciousness, too strong for sight, leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;*

Chooses instead to seep into each sense, to dye himself into experience

(Malcolm Guite, "Love's Choice")



THE PASTORAL COUNCIL AT ST. MONICA'S PARISH



PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council is a planning committee which is representative of the whole parish community. The council seeks to promote a community of faith and Christian fellowship and takes concrete actions to meet the needs of the parish community.

Nominations for council members for the upcoming term beginning in September 2016 are being solicited. All Catholics who are members of the parish are eligible for membership on the council. If you have talents that you would like to share or know of someone who you'd like to nominate, please contact the parish office at 514-481-0267 before May 31, 2016.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

The E.S.C. Council invites you to celebrate its 35 years of service to the English-speaking Catholic community. A public lecture delivered by **Cardinal Thomas Collins**, Archbishop of Toronto, entitled *The Cross in the Public Square* will follow our Annual General Meeting.

Schedule: 5:30 p.m. AGM in Loyola High School's Atrium

6:15 p.m. Lecture by Cardinal Thomas Collins in the Eric Maclean, S.J. Centre for the Performing Arts

Reception to follow-2477 West Broadway, Montreal

To RSVP or for more information: 514-937-2301x252 or esc@bellnet.ca or www.catholiccouncil.com

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 28 – JUNE 5, 2016

Saturday, May 28: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 In Loving Memory: Aniello d'Addio, Ignazio Ciampini, Danny Dupont, Pasquale D'Addio, Pietro Di Meglio.

Sunday, May 29: Corpus Christi

Solemnity of Body & Blood of Christ Trinity

8:30 Aldo Brocca By his Daughter
Patrick Owen Dowd By Rosa & Luigi Salvati
Deceased members of the Guerin Family By the Guerin Family

11:00 Louise Smith By Smith-Supino Family
Lorne Glenn Munday By Thelma Murphy & Family
Deceased members of the Coccia Family By Pasquale Coccia

Monday, May 30: Weekday Mass

8:00 Catherine Henderson By Avril Mulcahy
Special Intention for May Fong By Glen & Mary Smith

Tuesday, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Stella Hunter By nephew David
William K. Joseph By his Wife

Wednesday, June 1: St. Justin

8:00 Agnese, Martino & Antonio By the Family
Gagliardi

Thursday, June 2: St. Marcellinus & St. Peter

8:00 Maria Cardilli By Salvatore Cardilli

Friday, June 3: The Most Sacred heart of Jesus

8:00 Domenico, Lucia & Raimondo Spatola By Graziella Buscemi Spatola

Saturday, June 4: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta
Lorne Spencer By his wife Dina Fiori
Deceased members of the Charles J. McDonald Family By Mary McDonald

Sunday, June 5: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Giulio Salvati, Victor Weiss, Patrick Owen Dowd

11:00 Mirella Trocchia By husband Nunzio
Ann & Jim Young By the Family
Ramon Moran and Edna & Asuncion Padua By Grace Padua-Moran

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of May 21/22, 2016 totalled \$2,875.50

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO MINISTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE?



If anyone is interested in helping out or getting more information about youth ministry for 2016-2017 please contact Claire Brown, clairebrown514@gmail.com, 514-677-7493. Participation could be with the COOL youth group (ages 12-15) or new activities for young people ages 15-25.

MATRIMONY MASS

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Please consider participating in the **Matrimony Mass on Saturday, June 11th at 4 p.m.** Couples married at St. Monica's over the past year are also invited. There will be a small reception after the mass. **To participate, please sign up at the back of the church or call or email the parish office before June 8th.** We also ask participating couples to please



bring a photo of themselves. This will be put on display at the back of the church and returned to the couple after the mass.

FAITH

FIRST REGISTRATION:

Registration forms for 2016-17 Season are available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory. **PLEASE NOTE: All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 15 (so that we know how many books to order) and return it the rectory to guarantee a spot.**

If you register by Sunday, June 26, the cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3. **(after that date, \$20 will added on: \$80-\$100, and \$105-\$125 and \$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.