

WINDS BLOWING! Transformed in the Spirit

Today, the Church celebrates its “birthday” with the feast of Pentecost. It is a scene of great drama: rushing wind, tongues of fire, the uttering of many languages. It is also a scene of **transformation**: timid disciples empowered to speak boldly, such that no matter what the religious, cultural, and linguistic differences, each hears the message in a language they can understand. Such is the power of God’s Holy Spirit: to break down the walls of division and to create the unity that is the Father’s desire for all creation. From the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Church is born – and reborn, in every age.

This year, inspired by Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, the Quebec Bishops have invited all local churches to embrace what they call *le tournant missionnaire*. It calls us to conversion, to a profound realignment of our priorities. We are to place Christ’s mission – to announce the Reign of God, to proclaim Jesus directly and explicitly, to reach out to the poor and excluded, at the centre of our pastoral preoccupations. To do this, we may need to let go of our tendency to be “self-referential”, more focused on preserving our ecclesial structures, buildings, and patrimony. This is indeed the “transformation in the Spirit” which has been our focus throughout this pastoral year!

Here at St. Monica’s, we form a richly diverse community. We come from many lands, we speak different languages, we express our faith in a variety of devotions and spiritualities. Yet in the Spirit, gathered around the Lord’s table, we truly form One Body. May this poem by Fr. Philip Chircop S.J., inspire us to celebrate our birthday with great joy and anticipation:

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A Pentecostal strong wind blows deep within and through our fears.
 Not a gentle breeze, but a wind that kindles fire,
 A wind strong enough to awaken us from our slumber
 requiring attention and respect.
 It comes to dent our complacency and glossy exteriors
 marking us as surely as the baptismal oil of our beginning.
 A wind violent and furious at times,
 wild enough to dry our moisture
 that we may thirst again for Living Waters.
 We don’t need another Pentecost –
 we just need to deploy the one we have!



MATRIMONY MASS

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Please consider participating in the **Matrimony Mass on Saturday, June 17th 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 13th.** 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.

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 3 TO 11, 2017

Saturday, June 3: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

4:00 Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By his wife Elvira Nudo
 Aniello D'Addio By his wife Franca
 Carlo Scarsella By Serafino Ciambella

Sunday, June 4: Pentecost Sunday

8:30 Antonio Cavallaro By Cavallaro Family
 Giovanni, Maria & Elena Piccolino By Piccolino Family
 Mona Montrichard By Ann Marie
 11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased members of the Cullen Family,
 and Antonio Ricci.

Monday, June 5: St. Boniface

8:00 Lorenzo Murphy By Rose

Tuesday, June 6: St. Norbert

8:00 Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family

Wednesday, June 7: Weekday Mass

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Thursday, June 8: Weekday Mass

8:00 Patty (Patricia) Harvison By Ann Marie Montrichard &
 David Evans

Friday, June 9: St. Ephrem

8:00 Alfredo Leon By Elcira Leon

Saturday, June 10: Our Lady's Saturday

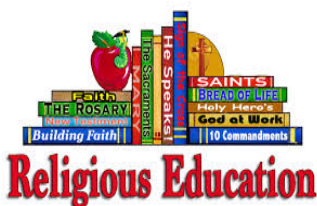
4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Angelo Caucci, Leonard & Terry Winslade,
 Alessandro Palladini, Domenico Forliano, Pietro Di Meglio.

Sunday, June 11: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 Michele Mustillo By his daughter Anna
 Edna Padua By Grace & Gian
 Rene Brimo By Lisa Brimo
 11:00 Christina Caringi By Ida Onesi & Family
 Nicola & Teresa Pitaro By Rotiroti Family
 Ana Donata Fiorile By daughter Carmela

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of May 27/28, 2017 totalled \$2,146.65.



Religious Education

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.

NO BAZAAR: There will not be a bazaar this year at St. Monica's parish. Thank you for your years of support. **We ask that you do not drop off articles at the church.**



ENVIRONMENT DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

Norman Levesque from the environmental organization "Green Church" will be the homilist next Sunday, June 11 here at St. Monica's parish. You are invited to meet with him for further dialogue and exploration on this subject in the rectory basement from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA, FOUNDER OF OPUS DEI (www.opusdei.ca)

All are cordially invited to a Solemn Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine on Monday, June 19 at 7:30 pm. at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral. Confessions will be heard starting at 7:00 p.m.

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