

MANY GIFTS ... ONE 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 inner transformation: formerly timid disciples empowered to speak in such a way that no matter what the religious, cultural, and linguistic differences, each hears the message in a way 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.

Here at St. Monica's, we also 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, we form one Body. We gather in unity around the table of the Lord, where last weekend, we joyfully welcomed 25 children for their First Holy Communion. We also give thanks to God for pouring out his Holy Spirit in a special way on the 21 young men and women of our parish who received the gifts of the Spirit this Saturday in the sacrament of Confirmation. Over the next few weeks, we will have the opportunity to honour those celebrating special wedding anniversaries, and on the weekend of June 18-19, gather in appreciation of the many volunteers who, in a variety of ministries – liturgical, educational, social, organizational, and outreach – share their gifts with competence and generosity to make our community stronger.

Each and every one of us has been graced and gifted by the Holy Spirit. How is the Spirit calling YOU to make a difference – at home, at work, here in the parish, out in the world? Like Mary and the disciples gathered in the Cenacle, let us pray for a new Pentecost, in which each member of our community is gifted and empowered by the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
Kindle in us the fire of your love!
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created,
And you will renew the face of the earth. Amen! Alleluia!**

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FLOWERS

We would like to thank Bridget Fetterly and Paolo Bassi of Kane & Fetterly Funeral Home for donating the beautiful flower arrangements in the church for our First Communion and Confirmation celebrations.



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.** The cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more **if you register by Sunday, June 26 (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.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

We are happy to have Monsignor Francis Coyle here this weekend to celebrate the Confirmation of 21 of our young people.

Congratulations to: Antoine Abat Di-Lillo, Devlin Aiken, Patrick Myles Akbaba, Emmy Odi Apilado, Angelo Caimano, Michael Ciocca, Etienne Davy, Sofia Del Raso, Million Fsaha, Joulle Haileab, Erik Hunter, Bernalyn Ibunes-Yapan, Jakob Kuhn-Olioff, Olivia Lanni, Benjamin Merid-Moore, Mia Mouget, Elliot Perreault, Emma Popieraites, Leonardo Ricciardi, Jasmine Roussel and Paloma Ruiz de la Orden. May you always live fully the faith you are confirming today.

Thank you to all the catechists and catechist helpers who have so lovingly and faithfully prepared our young people for this special privilege.



MASS INTENTIONS MAY 14 TO 22, 2016

Saturday, May 14: St. Matthias

4:00 Giovanni Ciampini By Claudia & George
Iole Falciani By Falciani Family
Deceased member of the Charles J. McDonald Family By Mary McDonald

Sunday, May 15: Pentecost Sunday

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti,
Emma & Colombo Salvati
11:00 Loreto & Paolina Ciambella By their daughter Gabriela
Vincenza Forte By Nursing Division of
Montreal Neuro Hospital
Nicola & Stella Rotiroti By Rotiroti Family
Deceased members of the By Smith-Supino Family
Supino Family

Monday, May 16: Weekday Mass

8:00 Ercole Caucci By Elvio Caucci & Family

Tuesday, May 17: Weekday Mass

8:00 Loretta & Donato Pedicelli By Ernesta Ciampini

Wednesday, May 18: St. John I

8:00 Angelo Sabatucci By Ignazio Mattei

Thursday, May 19: St. Dunstan

8:00 Eva Ciampini By Claudia & George

Friday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

8:00 Beatrice Gagnon By Glen Clairmont & Family

Saturday, May 21: St. Eugene de Mazenod

4:00 Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvire Nudo
Carlo Scarsella By Serafino Ciambella

Sunday, May 22: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 Ursula Lafontaine By Rosa & Luigi Salvati
Cruciano Nardinocchi By his Mother
11:00 In Loving Memory: Deceased members of the Cullen Family,
Fioravante Rotiroti, Beatrice Gagnon, Charles Corner.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of May 7/8, 2016 totalled \$3,738.00.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mass: Mary Queen of the World Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

Presided by: Archbishop Christian Lepine

Eucharistic Procession: On St. Catherine Street

Benediction at: St. Patrick's Basilica

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, this will also be an opportunity for everyone to pass through the **Door of Mercy** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. Candles and holders will be available at the main doors of the Cathedral for the



modest sum of \$3 for one or \$5 for two. You may also bring your banners of Saints, parishes, movements or groups.

LITTLE GIFTS

Our "Little Gifts" program is now on summer hiatus and we look forward returning in September. I would like to thank all the children and parents who participated in the program and remind everyone that children are always welcome. I would like to thank Elena, Alexandra, Victoria, Vanessa and Michael for all their hard work in making "Little Gifts" a huge success.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

**Annual Collection of the
Catholic Church of
Montreal**

**This Weekend May 14/15
At All Sunday Masses**



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

A group of 30 parishioners have come together to start the process of sponsoring a Syrian refugee family. Committees have been formed to address the areas in need of accompaniment. Before we can proceed, finances need to be secured. Sr. Beverley Watling and Norbert Piche will present information on the issue of sponsorship at all the weekend masses of May 21-22.