

CONSECRATED LIFE: A GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 as a special Year dedicated to **Consecrated Life**. It also marks the 50th anniversary of *Perfectae Caritatis*, the Vatican II decree on the renewal of religious life. On this Trinity Sunday, we praise the God of Love: present to us as creating and loving Father; as Jesus, the Incarnate Word, the Son; and as the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, God's indwelling presence. On this feast of the Visitation, we also thank God for the loving and generous witness of those who serve the Lord in consecrated life, uniting our praise with Mary's Magnificat: *"The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is God's name!"*

At St. Monica's, we have been – and continue to be – richly blessed by this gift of consecrated life. It began with the presence of the Congregation of Notre Dame at our parish and school through the 1950s and 1960s, and it flourished with the 26 years of pastoral ministry offered by **Sister Beverley Watling**, who celebrates this year her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. I think of so many others too numerous to be named – vowed religious, consecrated virgins, and associates who, through ministerial service and the witness of their commitment, show us the beauty of a life lived fully through, with, and in Christ. It is with special joy this weekend that we welcome the promises of **Carmel Kilkenny** and **Sharon DiFruscia**, received at today's 11 a.m. Mass as associates of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Living as laywomen in the world, they will bring the spirituality of the Visitation, exemplified by Marguerite Bourgeoys, to their witness at home, work, and community.

May we make this prayer our own:

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom:
in active and contemplative life; in poverty, chastity, and obedience;
as sisters, brothers, religious priests, and in secular institutes;
as consecrated virgins, associates, and members of ecclesial lay movements.
We pray in a special way for all who have committed themselves to
the many forms of consecrated life here at St. Monica's Parish.
Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit
to help them respond generously and courageously to your will.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who celebrates life with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

LITTLE GIFTS: Our Little Gifts – Sunday program is now on summer vacation. Thank you to all the kids who participated this past year. We would like to thank Alexandra, Victoria, Adriano, Abigail, Vanessa and Elena for making little Gifts a huge success.

MATRIMONY MASS

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Please consider participating in the Matrimony Mass on **Saturday, June 6, 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 2**. 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.

AURORA CHOREALIS - "HOW DOES YOUR LIGHT SHINE?"

Aurora Chorealis (choir that practices here at St. Monica's Parish every Wednesday) will be performing at the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall of Concordia University-Loyola Campus (7141 Sherbrooke St. West) on Saturday, June 14, at 4:00 p.m. This is a concert fundraiser in support of "Friends for Mental Health". For more Information, contact Pauline at eene_orr@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 23 TO 31, 2015

Saturday, May 30: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Antonio Bei By Gabriella Bei & Family
Aniello D'Addio By Franca D'Addio & Family
Rose Buono By Franca D'Addio

Sunday, May 31: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 Cruciano Nardinocchi By his mother Edda
Lorenzo Galvan By Pat Brabant
Thanksgiving Mass for Marilyn de Castro By Virginia Ferrer

11:00 In Loving Memory:

Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald Family

Monday, June 1: St. Justin

8:00 Agnese, Martino, & Antonio Gagliardi By the Family
May Henry By Sharon De Fruscia

Tuesday, June 2: Weekday Mass

8:00 George Brabant By Pat Brabant

Wednesday, June 3: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:00 Rose Arcaro By Angelina & Volker Beck

Thursday, June 4: Weekday Mass

8:00 Antonina Parenti & Family By Settimia Onese
Ramon Moran By Grace & Maria-Gian

Friday, June 5: St. Boniface

8:00 Horace & Edith Emard By their son Philip
Thanksgiving Mass By Maria & Raffaele

Saturday, June 6: St. Norbert

4:00 In Loving Memory: Mike Kilbertus, Alessandro Palladini, Aniello D'Addio, Ignazio Ciampini, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Ramon Moran.

Sunday, June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:30 Mirella Trocchia Monti By Sylvia & Tony Supino
Antonio Cavallaro By his Family
11:00 Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family
Mary Josephine Harty By the Glover Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of May 23/24, 2015 totalled \$3,125.25.

OPEN HOUSE - FATHER DOWD HOME

In celebration of the 150th ANNIVERSARY of the Father Dowd Home, 6565 Hudson Road, Cote des Neiges (behind Kent Park), the Auxiliary of the Father Dowd will be hosting a Open House on Sunday, June 7th, from 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Memorabilia will be on display and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see many of you there.

FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2015 /2016 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 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. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further information 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.

ST. MONICA'S VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

IN THE PARISH HALL

Dear Volunteers of St. Monica's Parish:

Whatever your area of involvement: pastoral home care, liturgy, sacramental preparation, faith formation, youth, prayer and spiritual growth, social outreach, stewardship, or ministries at the service of the community such as wardens and pastoral council, you are a precious and important part of the community. We literally couldn't do it without you!

Come and join us in the parish hall on Sunday afternoon, June 14th, at 2:00 p.m. There we will:

- Experience fellowship
- Share stories, memories of the past, and hopes for the future
- Recognize the important work that each of you is doing
- Share a delicious "high tea" with sandwiches, sweets, and beverages

Please let your ministry leader know no later this Sunday, May 31, whether you will be able to join us.

Ministry leaders are asked to e-mail their list of names to the parish office (st-monica@videotron.ca) no later than **Wednesday, June 3**, so that we can do the final compilation of participants and so adequately prepare for this wonderful event! Looking forward to a wonderful celebration together

Father Raymond, on behalf of the Pastoral Council

