



PARISH BULLETIN
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- WEEKEND MASS SATURDAY 4:00pm SUNDAY 9:00am & (11:00am) (Livestreamed)
- WEEKDAY MASS - TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am – All are Welcome!
- EVENING MASS - THURSDAYS - 7:00pm – All are Welcome!
- **Office Hours:** 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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ST. MONICA'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL! SATURDAY DECEMBER 14! PARISH HALL! NOON TO 3PM! \$10 TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES (CHILDREN UNDER FIVE ARE FREE)! INCLUDES CHRISTMAS PANCAKES, HOT COCOA & MARSHMALLOWS, AND A FREE CARNIVAL BOOTH TICKET! EXTRA BOOTH TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE DURING THE EVENT. CASH, CHEQUE AND E-TRANSFER ACCEPTED. FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ALIKE! COME ONE, COME ALL AS ST. MONICA'S TRANSFORMS ITS

HALL INTO A CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL SCENE! TRY YOUR LUCK AT THE GAME BOOTHS AND THE ICE FISHING RAFFLE! TAKE A CHANCE WITH A HALF'n'HALF DRAW! ENJOY A VISIT FROM A NORTH POLE FRIEND AND HIS CAROLING SINGALONG ELVES! WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER MODELING IT OFF DURING OUR FASHION SHOW CONTEST COMPLETE WITH APPLAUSE-O-METER! PLENTY OF PRIZES TO BE WON! LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE! IF TICKETS REMAIN, THEY WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR! FOR INQUIRES, PURCHASES DONATIONS, OR TO VOLUNTEER, WRITE TO: stmonicacarnival2024@gmail.com



8 DECEMBER 2024

Access - East Side Entrance



THE GIFT OF PEACE

As we journey through the Advent season, we come to the Second Sunday of Advent, where we reflect on the theme of peace. Peace is a fundamental aspect of the Christian faith, and it is a gift that Jesus offers to us. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Peace is not just the absence of conflict, but a deep and abiding sense of inner calm and tranquility. It is a peace that is rooted in our relationship with God, and that is nurtured by our prayer, our worship, and our service to others. As St. Augustine reminds us, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.”

As we reflect on the theme of peace, we are reminded that it is a gift that is always available to us. It is a gift that we can experience amid chaos and uncertainty, and it is a gift that we can share with others. As Jesus reminds us, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).

As we journey through this Advent season, let us pray for the gift of peace. Let us pray for the courage to be instruments of peace in our families, our communities, and our world. May we be inspired by the example of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and may we strive to live out this kind of peace in our own lives.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Join us on Thursday, December 19th for our Advent confession and Holy Mass. The confession will begin at 6:00pm with a penitential prayer service, followed by individual confessions from 6:15pm to 7:00pm. **The Holy Mass will then be celebrated at 7:00pm**. All are welcome to participate in this special opportunity for spiritual renewal and forgiveness.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses: 5:00pm & 8:00pm

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass: 10:30am



SAM ROBERTS TICKETS: - SILENT AUCTION

Sam Roberts, a fellow parishioner and his band are supporting St. Monica’s and have donated tickets for the church to auction off as part of its fundraising. These tickets are good in most of the band’s performances in 2025. Your tickets will come with band merchandise (Autograph CD, water bottle &

t-shirt) and also meet & greet the band on show day. Some upcoming shows include Niagara Falls on February 22, Manchester and Great Britain on February 27, & February 27, Manchester and Great Britain will be in London, address: 02 Academy Islington Street. *Kindly note-Transportation is not provided.*

HOW TO BID: - We are offering two (2) pairs of tickets – **Package A, and Package B** both packages consist of two Sam Roberts tickets valid through 2025, and includes **Memorabilia and VIP treatment**

meeting the band. Bids are open **now until Tuesday, December 17 at 4:30pm.** Minimum starting bid is \$200 per package. You may bid on either one package only, or for all (4) four tickets, you will need to indicate that you are bidding individually on each package. Bidding is easy! **Send your name, address, contact details, including phone number, and your bid to:** savestmonicandg@gmail.com We will publish on the Save Saint Monica's Facebook page on a regular basis, the bids received for each package. If you decide to overbid the highest bidder, please send an email with a higher bid to savestmonicandg@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting Saint Monica's church!

WARDENS ELECTIONS

On **Sunday, December 15,** immediately following the **11 a.m. Mass,** our parish will hold an election for three positions on the Board of Wardens. The current three wardens who will be finishing their first three-year term plan to stand for election for their second three-year term. Other interested parishioners can also stand for election for these three positions.

To be eligible for this role, candidates must:

- Be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have been a registered member of our parish for a minimum of one year
- Reside within the boundaries of the parish:

- **NORTH** – The South side of Cote St. Luc Road between Beaconsfield & Walkley Avenues
- **SOUTH** – St. Jacques Street
- **EAST** – The West side of Beaconsfield Avenue from Cote St. Luc Road to St. Jacques
- **WEST** – The East side of Walkley Avenue from Cote St. Luc Road to St. Jacques Street

Nominees and Voters must also live within these Boundaries.

MASS INTENTIONS – December 7 - 13, 2024

Saturday, 4:00pm – December 7, 2024: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lucille Wong

Antonio Bei

Julie Prillo

Domenico Amoruso

sister, Pauline Wong

Gabriella Bei & Family

Family

Rosa Maria Amorus & Family

Sunday, 9:00am – December 8, 2024: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Antoinetta Pisaturo

Olga & Natalino Cappello

Paola & Joe Pendenza

Maria & Family

Anna & Mario

Anna & Marco

Sunday, 11:00am – December 8, 2024: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Miriam & Emilio Brunelli

Loreto & Paolina Ciambella

John Bellini

Ida Onesi & Family

daughter, Gabriela

Supino Family

Tuesday, 8:30am – December 10, 2024: Our Lady of Loreto

Cosmo Maiolo

Danielle Laliberte

Living - Shermaine & baby

Maria Ienco

Elcira Leon

Stella & Gil

Wednesday, 8:30am – December 11, 2024: Saint Damasus I

Living – Personal Intention Raymond & Hilary Jack

Emma & Colombo Salvati

Family

Salvati Family

Thursday – 8:30am – December 12, 2024: FEAST – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patron of the Americas

Living – Olivia, Adrian & children

Georgia Bang

Thursday – 7:00pm – December 12, 2024:

Anthony Raspa

Mary Ellen Holland

Friday, 8:30am – December 13, 2024: MEMORIAL - Saint Lucy

Living – Personal Intention Raymond & Hilary Jack

Family