



EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US

As we embark on this sacred journey, let us come together as a family, united in our devotion to the newborn King. This Christmas season, we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought forth a tidal wave of transformation, sweeping away the darkness of despair and illuminating the path to hope.

Jesus, the Emmanuel, came to dwell among us, to comfort our sorrows, and to mend our brokenness. He came to shatter our complacency, to challenge our assumptions, and to awaken our spirits to the reality of

God's boundless love.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we are reminded that Christmas is not just a festive season, but a profound encounter with the living God. It is an invitation to experience the transformative power of His love, to allow it to penetrate the depths of our souls, and to share it with a world that desperately needs it.

This Christmas, let us strive to make Jesus' presence real in our lives. Let us allow His love to be the guiding force in our relationships, our decisions, and our actions. Let us be beacons of light in a world shrouded in darkness, shining brightly with the love, peace, and joy of the Christ-child.

May this Christmas season be a catalyst for spiritual renewal, a time of deeper conversion, and a moment of greater commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. May we emerge from this season with a renewed sense of purpose, a deeper love for one another, and a greater desire to serve the Lord and His people.

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed, joyful, and peaceful Christmas. May the love, peace, and joy of the Christ-child be born anew in our hearts this Christmas season.



THE ST. MONICA'S FAMILY TREE: A LEGACY

As a part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, we are thrilled to announce that the St. Monica's Family Tree is now beautifully displayed at the back of our church! This stunning tree is a permanent tribute to our parish community and a wonderful way to leave a legacy.

PURPOSE OF THE FAMILY TREE

The theme of our 75th Anniversary Celebration is **PRESERVING THE PAST, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE!** The St. Monica's Family Tree is an opportunity for you to be a part of our parish's history and support our fundraising efforts for the repairs and maintenance of our Rectory and Church.

LEAVES AVAILABLE

While some leaves have already been sold, many more are still available for purchase. You can choose from:

- **BRONZE LEAF:** \$100 - \$300
- **SILVER LEAF:** \$350 - \$500
- **GOLD LEAF:** \$501 - \$750

ENGRAVE YOUR LEAF

Each leaf can be engraved with the name of your choice - in remembrance of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for blessings received.

RESERVE YOUR LEAF TODAY!

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of our parish's history! Contact the Parish office at (514) 481-0267, x 221 to reserve your leaf today!



THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025: A YEAR OF HOPE AND RENEWAL

The Universal Church is preparing to celebrate a momentous occasion – the Jubilee Year 2025. This extraordinary year marks the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, and it promises to be a time of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church.

Pope Francis has announced that the Jubilee Year 2025 will be a time of hope and renewal, a moment to “fan the flame of hope that has been given us” and to “help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.” (February 2022 letter)

The Pope's vision for the Jubilee Year 2025 is one of restoration and rebirth. He sees this year as an opportunity for the Church to renew itself, to rediscover its sense of purpose and mission, and to emerge from the challenges of the past few years with a newfound sense of hope and enthusiasm. The Jubilee Year 2025 will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and will end on January 6, 2026. Throughout the year, there will be various events, pilgrimages, and prayer services, all focused on deepening our faith and spiritual lives.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, we are invited to join in this extraordinary moment of hope and renewal. Let us pray that this year will be a time of spiritual growth, reflection, and pilgrimage, and that we will emerge from it as more faithful, more hopeful, and more committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

JOIN US FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

As we continue to bask in the joy and wonder of the Christmas season, we invite you to join us next weekend as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

This special feast day reminds us of the importance of family and the values that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph embodied in their own family life. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on our own family relationships and to seek inspiration from the Holy Family.

We warmly invite you to join us for Mass on **Saturday, December 28th at 4:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 29th at 9:00 am and 11:00 am** at St. Monica's Church. As we gather as a parish family, we pray that the Holy Family will intercede for us, guiding us on our own journey of faith and strengthening our bonds with one another.

We look forward to celebrating this special feast day with you! Please join us and bring your family and friends along.