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#### **CHURCH WARDENS:**

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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)

• Parish Secretary: Gina Yee – Ext. 221 - st-monica@videotron.ca

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• Food Pantry: Director - Marcelle Lord - 514-550-0125 stmonicasfoodpantry@gmail.com

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS



<u>CALLING ON BAKERS!!!</u> St. Monica's Church is having a Bake Sale on the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> to help support our Fundraising efforts. If you love to bake, then please drop off your desserts at the Church Saturday, October 18th after 2pm or Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> after 8:00am. To help our Volunteers,

we ask that you kindly <u>pre-slice</u> <u>your baked goods</u> or they can be sold as full-sized desserts. **Please** clearly list the common <u>allergy ingredients</u>, especially if they contain <u>nuts</u>, <u>milk or egg</u>.

BRING, BUY or do BOTH! Come enjoy some tasty treats right after the weekend Mass on October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to St. Monica's Fundraising.

On-Line donations - Please register at: www.stmonica.ca CanadaHelps - Give



# HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH: THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS AND THE MEMORIAL OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

In the coming days, the Church invites us to reflect on the mystery of the angels — spiritual beings who surround us, protect us, and draw us into the worship of God.

On September 29, we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael — the only three angels named in Scripture. They are not mythical figures, but messengers sent by God with unique missions that reveal His power and love.

**Michael** ("Who is like God?") is the great defender, leading the heavenly army in battle against evil (Revelation 12:7–9). He reminds us that the struggle between good and evil continues today — often unseen, but very real. **Gabriel**, the herald of the Incarnation, appears to Mary with the message that changes the world (Luke 1:26–38). He reminds us that God still speaks — and we must listen. **Raphael**, the guide and healer, travels with Tobias in the Book of Tobit, revealing God's providence in quiet, hidden ways.

On October 2, we observe the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels — a celebration both universal and deeply personal. Every soul is entrusted to a guardian angel from birth. These unseen protectors guide, guard, and intercede for us before God (cf. Matthew 18:10), reflecting His constant care.

Please join us for special Mass on Monday, September 29 at 8:30 AM, and Thursday, October 2 at 8:30 AM or 7:00 PM, as we honor these heavenly helpers and give thanks to God. Let us open our hearts to the mystery where angels walk with us — and heaven touches earth.

### LIFE CHAIN 2025 – A SILENT WITNESS FOR THE UNBORN

This year, the annual Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 5th, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**, at various locations across Quebec. It is a peaceful, silent hour of public prayer and witness, dedicated to defending the sanctity of human life, especially the lives of the unborn. Participants are invited to stand in prayerful solidarity and offer a visible message of compassion, truth, and hope to passersby. The nearby locations where you can take part:

• Sherbrooke (At the entrance to the Décarie Expressway (Montreal) Come stand for life. One hour. One message. One heart.

## NEW BEGINNINGS FOR OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: ACTS 1 & ACTS 2

Our parish has already launched two vibrant groups to help our youth and young adults grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and take an active role in parish life. **ACTS** stands for *Awakening in Courage, Truth, and Spirit* — a space to discover Christ more deeply and live out the Gospel together.

- ACTS 1 for ages 12 to 18
   Meets every Friday from 6:45 PM to 8:30 PM in the rectory basement
- ACTS 2 for young adults
  Next meeting: Sunday, October 5, after the 11:00 AM Mass in the church basement
  New faces are always welcome. Come, grow, and journey with us!

#### **FAITH SHARING**

St. Monica's Faith-Sharing Group will be meeting for 7 sessions beginning on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 30 from 2 to 3:30 PM</u> in the Rectory Hall. Our theme this year will be the challenges and blessings of ageing, and our guide will be Joyce Rupp OSM 's book <u>Vessels of Love</u>. We welcome new members to join us in prayer and sharing. If interested, please contact Barbara DeLorenzi at <u>bookclub@stmonica.ca</u>.

## MASS INTENTIONS: September 27 to October 5, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – September 27, 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Giovanni, Norina & Silvano Zilli Family

Salvatore San Donato Franca D'Addio & Family

Antonietta Pisaturo Maria Pisaturo
Living — Intention of the de Josez Family Brigitte de Josez

Sunday, 9:00am – September 28, 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 11:00am – September 28, 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Soul of Robert Liautaud Elizabeth & Family

The Cullen Family

Family

Family

Loreto & Paolina Ciambella Daughter, Gabriela

Tuesday, 8:30am – September 30, 2025 – MEMORIAL – Saint Jerome

Aldo Tonini Tonini Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – October 1, 2025: MEMORIAL – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo Family

Thursday, 8:30am & 7:00pm- October 2, 2025 - MEMORIAL - The Holy Guardian Angels

For All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, 8:30am – October 3, 2025: Weekday

Wim Laarhoven Jane

Living – Brinckhaus & Lara Family Norma Lara

Saturday, 4:00pm – October 4, 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Antonio Bei Gabriella Bei & Family
Maria Di Meglio Elena Di Meglio & Family
Angelina Gioillo Elena Di Meglio & Family

Sunday, 9:00am – October 5, 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased Members of the Di Fazio & Iacovone Family Children

Sunday, 11:00am – October 5, 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joseph Onesi

Olga & Mario Cappello

Natalino Cappello

Anna Cappello

Anna Cappello