

PARISH BULLETIN ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

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• WEEKEND MASS <u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00pm <u>SUNDAY</u> 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

• Faith First: Jennie Parsons Armstrong – Ext. 226 – faithfirst@stmonica.ca

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

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



Calling on Bakers!!! St. Monica's Church is having a Bake Sale on the weekend of October 18th & 19th to help support our Fundraising efforts. If you love to bake, please bring your desserts before Mass time on Saturday, October 18th after 2:00pm or Sunday, October 19th after 8:00am. To help our Volunteers, we ask that you kindly pre-slice your baked goods to be sold individually, or they can also be sold as full-sized desserts. Kindly list the common allergy ingredients, especially if they contain nuts, milk or egg. Pricing will then be placed on each baked good. Please Bring, Buy or do Both

and enjoy some tasty treats right after the weekend Mass on October 18th & 19th. All proceeds will go to St. Monica's Fundraising.

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Access - East Side Entrance

THANKS GIVING: A TIME TO REMEMBER THE GIVER

As we approach the celebration of **Thanksgiving Day next weekend**, we are invited to lift our hearts beyond the table, beyond tradition, and into a deep spirit of gratitude to God, who is the true source of every blessing.

In earlier times, Thanksgiving was closely tied to the harvest—the reaping of what was sown. Fields were full, barns were stocked, and people came together to give thanks for God's provision through nature and labor. Today, especially here in Canada, most of us are not farmers. We don't harvest with our hands—but we still eat, live, and are sustained. So where does the harvest come from?

It comes from the hard work of many, often unseen: factory workers, drivers, engineers, storekeepers, health professionals, caretakers, and more. It comes from a stable climate, safe communities, functioning systems. But ultimately, it all comes from God— "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17).

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses warned the people not to forget God in times of abundance. "Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). We must remember this too. Gratitude is not just good manners, but a spiritual posture. It reminds us that we are not self-made, and the world is not just a machine—it is creation, sustained by a loving God.

And as Catholics, we live this most fully in the **Eucharist**, which literally means "Thanksgiving." At every Mass, we take the fruits of human labor—bread and wine—and offer them back to God. In return, He gives us His very life in the Body and Blood of Christ.

This coming week let's prepare not only with food or plants, but with hearts of reflections. Ask ourselves: who made it possible for me to live this week? Where did I see God's hand in my daily life? and how can I give back to God and to others?

Let us come together in the spirit of Psalms 92, next weekend mass "it is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High". May our Thanksgiving be more than a holiday, it must become Holy day.

REMINDER: LIFE CHAIN 2025 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Join us for **Life Chain 2025**, a silent, prayerful witness for the unborn, on Sunday, October 5, from 2–3 PM. Our nearest location: Sherbrooke at the Décarie Expressway, Montreal. One hour. One message. All are welcome.

REMINDER: ACTS-2 YOUTH MEETING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Our youth group, ACTS-2, will meet this Sunday, October 5, after the 11:00 AM Mass in the parish hall. Led by Cecille Nielly, this group welcomes students and young professionals looking to grow in faith and build community. New members are warmly invited—come and see!

<u>OUTREACH DINNER – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5</u>

On Sunday, October 5, members of the **9 AM choir** will represent St. Monica's Parish by serving dinner to the homeless at the Sisters of Charity Home in downtown Montreal. We are grateful for their generous initiative and commitment to caring for those most in need.

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 bookclub@stmonica.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS: October 4 - 10, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – October 4, 2025 – 27 th Sunday in Orc	linary Time
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Antonio Bei Gabriella Bei & Family

Maria Di Meglio Elena Di Meglio & Family

Angelina Gioillo Elena Di Meglio & Family

Sunday, 9:00am – October 5, 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased Members of the Di Fazio & Iacovone Family Children

Sunday, 11:00am - October 5, 2025 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Austin Finnerty Daly Family

Joseph Onesi

Olga & Mario Cappello

Natalino Cappello

Anna Cappello

Anna Cappello

Tuesday, 8:30am – October 7, 2025 – MEMORIAL – Our Lady of the Rosary

Maria Bagatella Isabel Vincelli
Marguerite Vincelli Isabel Vincelli
Wim Laarhoven Maura Dacuycuy

Wednesday, 8:30am – October 8, 2025: Weekday

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella Family

Thursday, 8:30am & 7:00pm - October 9, 2025 – Saint Denis and Companions

Anna & Lorenzo Forlini
Living — Denise Bergeron
Living Dalibor Pejkovic
Patricia & Elvio

Friday, 8:30am - October 10, 2025: Weekday

John Griffin Ann Griffin