

**PARISH BULLETIN** ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

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

Marriages: Contact the Parish Office 6 months in advance (514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221

Baptisms: Telephone: 514) 481-0267 - Ext. 221 or email the Parish Office: st-monica@videotron.ca

Parish Registration: Forms are located at the entrance doors. Please enter ALL your contact information and kindly give it to an Usher or place it in the collection baskets. If you want Donation Envelopes with a Registered Box number, please indicate it on your form and one will be assigned to you after you have been contacted. Year-end Tax Receipts will be mailed.

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



## Mission Sunday Reflection – 2025

"Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16)

Dear friends in Christ,

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, I find myself once again humbled and awakened by the mystery and urgency of the call we have all received—to be missionary disciples in a world that thirsts, often unknowingly, for the living God. The missionary vocation is not an optional path for the few, but the very identity of the Church. "The Church is missionary by her very nature," the Second Vatican Council reminds us. To believe in Christ is to be sent—into the peripheries of society, yes—but also into the hidden deserts of the human heart. These deserts may exist next door, across cultures, or within our own communities.

As a missionary priest now serving in Canada—a land of beauty, pluralism, and profound spiritual seeking—I am rediscovering that mission today is less about imposing and more about accompanying, less about answers and more about presence. Yet it remains a fire that cannot be contained. It is the urgency to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ—not merely through preaching, but through lives of radical compassion, courageous truth, and joyful witness.

In today's secular world, mission takes new shapes: a listening heart in a skeptical culture, a welcoming table in a lonely society, a prophetic voice in a world often numbed by comfort. It demands of us not mere activity, but holiness—rooted in prayer, incarnated in action.

I am deeply grateful to be received in this land, to live and share the charism that has shaped my very being. Thank you for allowing me to witness the Gospel with you and among you.

May this Mission Sunday not pass as just a commemoration, but as a commissioning. May we awaken to the Spirit's call, and go forth—with burning hearts, open hands, and feet ready to walk the sacred road of mission. Let us not grow weary. The world still longs for Christ.

Fr Jasion Joseph.

# Municipal Election – Make Your Voice Heard!

Voting in the municipal election is one of the most effective ways to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Local officials make decisions that affect housing, snow removal, parks, safety, and community programs. Your vote also helps ensure that residents of Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce are consulted and heard on local issues that matter. Let's participate and help shape the future of our community — every vote counts!

**Important Dates:** 

- Early Voting: Sunday, October 26, 2025
- Election Day: Sunday, November 2, 2025

As both voting days fall on a **Sunday**, let us not forget the importance of keeping the **Lord's Day** holy. As faithful citizens, we are encouraged to make the necessary arrangements to attend the mass and to <u>cast our vote</u>, fulfilling both our spiritual and civic responsibilities.

### **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: October 18 - 24, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm - October 18, 2025 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

George Wong Pauline Wong & Family

Ernesta Ciampini Franca & Family
Donald Hill Salvati Family

Angela Ciccarelli Family

Sunday, 9:00am - October 19, 2025 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Michael Giangaspero Wife

Francesco Supino Daughter

Maria Carmela Colatruglio Ricciardi Family
Timeteo & Presentacion Dacuycuy Maura Dacuycuy

Sunday, 11:00am - October 19, 2025 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli Gino & Family
Paola & Giuseppe Pendenza Anna Cappello

Joan Dickson Family

Anita Mathieu Mathieu Family

Tuesday, 8:30am - October 21, 2025 - Weekday

Luce Benny Mariane Hamel
Rita Morin Mariane Hamel

Wednesday, 8:30am - October 22, 2025: MEMORIAL - Saint John Paul II

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella Family

Thursday, 8:30am - October 23, 2025 - Saint John of Capistrano

Living – Paul Bright Stella & Gil Lee

Thursday, 7:00pm

Anna & Lorenzo Forlini Erminio Forlini

Friday, 8:30am – October 24, 2025: Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Theresa Peter Noel Perinpanathan

Richard Griffin Ann Griffin