



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!
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(Closed: 12:00pm – 1:00pm) – (No Mass on Mondays)
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS



FIRST COMMUNION

We are happy to celebrate this weekend the First Communion of 14 young people from our parish.

Congratulations to:

Caden Charles, Gezane Marie Compuesto, Victoria Cyr-Strati, Melina Davy, Teresa Freyre de Andrade Gutierrez, Adriano Guerra Sansalone, Jude Guerra Sansalone, Natnael Hidray, Lat Kaleab Tekie, Claire Lowe,

James Palermo, Brontë Piccolino, Aden Soria Belisario, and Marion Tancingco.

May this be the beginning of a long life of celebrating the Eucharist. May you always appreciate Jesus in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in people.

Thank you to all the catechists and catechist helpers who have so lovingly and faithfully prepared our young people for this special privilege.

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



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Access - East Side Entrance

VOCATIONS: GOD'S ANSWER TO THE NEEDS OF THE HIS PEOPLE

The Fourth Sunday of Easter places before us one of the most consoling images in all of Scripture—Christ the Good Shepherd. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks with clarity and tenderness: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). This is not just a comforting metaphor; it is a living reality. Christ continues to guide, protect, and nourish His people. And He does so, in a visible and concrete way, through those whom He calls to serve in His name.

For this reason, the Church dedicates this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is a reminder that the mission of Christ the Shepherd continues in every age through those who respond to His call—priests, deacons, and men and women in consecrated life. A vocation is not born from human planning alone. It begins in the heart of God. As the prophet reminds us, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jeremiah 1:5). Every vocation is first a mystery of God’s love, then a response of human freedom.

The Church has always understood that vocations are essential to her life. Without shepherds, the flock is scattered; without ministers, the sacraments cannot be celebrated. The teaching of the Second Vatican Council emphasizes that the entire Christian community shares responsibility for fostering vocations. This means that vocations do not emerge in isolation—they grow within families, parishes, and communities that pray, encourage, and witness to faith.

At the same time, vocations are a response to the deep needs of the world. Wherever there is spiritual thirst, God calls someone to bring His living water. Wherever there is confusion or darkness, He raises voices to proclaim truth. Jesus Himself looked upon the crowds with compassion and said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Luke 10:2). These words still echo today. The need is great, and the call remains urgent.

In our own time, Pope Francis invites us to see vocation as a journey of trust. He reminds us that God still speaks, often in the silence of the heart, and that courage is needed to listen and respond. A vocation is not about losing something, but about discovering the fullness of one’s life in God’s plan.

As we reflect on Christ the Good Shepherd, we are invited to renew our commitment in three simple but profound ways: to pray for vocations with sincerity, to create an environment where God’s call can be heard, and to support those who are discerning their path.

May the Lord, who never ceases to care for His flock, continue to call men and women from among us. And may there be generous hearts ready to hear His voice and follow wherever He leads.



CHINESE DINNER FUNDRAISER

We are delighted to bring back our much-loved Spring Fundraiser Chinese Dinner! Join us on May 30 at 5:30 PM in our parish hall for a joyful evening filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and lively entertainment. It is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together, enjoy one another’s company, and support our church in a meaningful way. It promises to be a night of laughter, connection, and celebration.

Tickets are now available at the back of the church:

\$40 per adult and \$10 for children (10 years and under).

We warmly invite you to be part of this beautiful evening—come, enjoy, and celebrate with us!



“HEARTS ON FIRE SWING.”

One of our parishioners, Kevin Griffin, has taken the initiative to propose a fundraising event for St. Monica’s on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 12), titled “**Hearts on Fire Swing.**” The evening promises to be a joyful gathering with music, dance, and raffles, bringing the community together in celebration and support.

This is an 18+, semi-formal night of swing dancing, music, and community at **St. Monica’s Parish Hall from 7:30pm to 11:30pm.** It’s a great opportunity to meet new people, have fun, and support our parish! Admission tickets are just **\$20** and covers the cost of 2 drinks and hors d’oeuvres.

You can find more information on sacredheartswing.com, where you can also purchase admission and raffle tickets.



You can find these details by scanning the QR code on the posters around the parish and in the bulletin. We’d love to see you there – come out, bring a friend, and let’s make it a great night! Website is – <https://sacredheartswing.com/>

We’re deeply grateful for Kevin’s heartfelt desire to give back to the parish where he was nurtured in faith, and for his generous commitment to contribute in a meaningful way.

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MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 25 – May 1, 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – April 25 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Anna & Lorenzo Forlini

Antonio D’Addio

Liliana Zilli

Erminio Forlini

Franca & Children

Zilli Family

Sunday, 9:00am – April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Michael Giangaspero

Santina Angelini

Living – Personal Intentions of the de Josez Family

Family

Franca Buonamici

Brigitte

Sunday, 11:00am – April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Sheila Nelson

Living – In Thanksgiving for M.J. Fernandes

John & Clementine Larson

Nelson Family

Mary & Joseph Supino

Erik Larson

Tuesday, 8:30am – April 28, 2026 – Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort

Benedicto Chung

Stella & Gil Lee

Wednesday, 8:30am – April 29, 2026 – MEMORIAL – Saint Catherine of Siena

With Gratitude for Blessings received

Benedicto Chung

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella

Eva Ciampini

Marjorie Harris

Gina Maurice

Stella & Gil Lee

Family

Claudia & George

Robert, Deborah & Family

Thursday, 8:30am & 7pm – April 30, 2026 – Saint Marie of the Incarnation

Benedicto Chung

Stella & Gil Lee

Friday, 8:30am – May 1, 2026 – Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Benedicto Chung

Stella & Gil Lee