



PARISH BULLETIN
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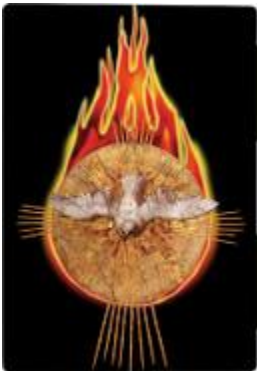
Maria Troli
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Nives Degano

Paul Wong
Widat Kebede

- 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



COME HOLY SPIRIT,
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE
OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

CONFIRMATION

THIS WEEKEND, FR. RAYMOND LAFONTAINE CELEBRATED THE CONFIRMATION OF 18 OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

MIA BAGGIO, THEODORE CATALANO, SERENA COCCIA, ALEX DAVY,
LUKE ESCOBIA, DANIEL FORD, SEBASTIANO FORLINI, GEORGE
HIGDEN, LUCAS JONES, ALESSANDRO MENNILLO, RAPHAEL
MORAWSKI, LUKE PALERMO, HÉLENA NAVARRA, KAI PETEL RUIZ,

NOAH PEDRO RÉGIMBALD, AKSEL RAFAEL RODRÍGUEZ JIMÉNEZ, RORY SMITH AND AWET TEKLIT BEREKET.

~ MAY YOU ALWAYS LIVE FULLY THE FAITH YOU ARE CONFIRMING TODAY ~

THANK YOU TO ALL THE CATECHISTS 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

A DAILY ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

As we gently move from the quiet chill of Winter into the brightness of Spring, and soon toward the warmth of Summer, the days open up before us with new light and possibility. The early sunrise, the clear paths free from snow and all these small changes invite us to step out more freely. Why not take this beautiful season as a grace-filled opportunity for a deeper spiritual renewal?

At the heart of that renewal stands the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—not simply as a devotion among many, but as the very heartbeat of the Church. The Eucharist is not an addition to our spiritual life; it is its center. As the Church teaches, it is “The source and summit of the Christian life.” Every grace flows from it, and every longing of the human heart finds its fulfillment in it.

In each Mass, heaven touches earth. Time opens into eternity. The sacrifice of Christ is not repeated, but made present—mysteriously, powerfully, and lovingly. We are drawn into that one perfect offering of Jesus to the Father. Our daily struggles, hidden sacrifices, quiet sufferings, and even our smallest acts of love are taken up and united with His. Nothing is lost; everything is transformed.

To participate in Mass daily is to allow our lives to be shaped from within. It is a slow, faithful surrender. We come not because we feel worthy, but because we are in need. The Eucharist becomes our strength in weakness, clarity in confusion, and peace in restlessness. It forms in us the mind of Christ and teaches the heart to love as He loves.

St. Padre Pio once said, “It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without the Holy Mass.” He understood that the Mass sustains not only individuals, but the entire world, often in hidden and unseen ways. Every Mass offered becomes a channel of grace far beyond what we can perceive.

Daily Mass does not require extraordinary effort, only a willing heart and a little reordering of time. Even a short time each day, placed intentionally in the presence of the Lord, becomes a wellspring of peace and strength. In a world that often feels rushed and noisy, the Mass offers us a sacred pause, a moment to be grounded again in God’s love.

Dear brothers and sisters, as the season changes around us, let something also change within us. Let us form a gentle but faithful habit of coming to the Lord daily, or as often as we can. Let us assign to it a place in our daily rhythm, not as an obligation, but as a meeting with the One who waits for us. In that daily encounter, we do not lose time—we receive life.



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.



FOUNDATIONS FAMILY WEEK – CAMP KINKORA



FFW is a weeklong getaway for low-income families at Camp Kinkora. Programming is provided for children, adults, and families. The main goal is to offer a fulfilling camp vacation experience to families that do not have access to such activities due to a lack of funds.

Overall, we fundraise to fully sponsor about 20 families. This includes a week at camp for a family, all meals, all activities, and transport. Would you consider partially or fully sponsoring a family?

Tax receipts are provided.

Any assistance that is provided for this worthy cause would be appreciated.

Donations can be made by cheque made out to “**Kinkora Activities Camp for FFW**”

Of via <https://www.canadahelps.org/en>, search for Camp Kinkora.

If using CanadaHelps, please choose Foundation Family Camp from the pull-down menu.

Thank you for your consideration, Mark Boyer, 514-918-2713.

JOIN US FOR PHASE TWO OF OUR SPRING CLEANING



Our first phase of spring cleaning for the rectory was successfully completed last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who participated so actively and did such an amazing job!

As previously announced, the second phase of our spring cleaning—for the church and parish hall—will take place on **May 9th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** If you would like to join us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you once again for your continued support of St. Monica’s Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 2 - 8, 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – May 2, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

*Robert Allan Pagé
Phyllis & Henri Pagé
Anna & Lorenzo Forlini
Antonietta Pisaturo*

*Brenda Laow
Brenda Laow
Erminio Forlini
Maria Pisaturo*

Sunday, 9:00am – May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

*Almerindo & Rita Cappello
Domenica Di Sotto
In Thanksgiving for Marie 'Jeanne's birthday
In Thanksgiving for blessings received to Josephine & Children*

*Cappello Family
Cappello Family
Josephine & Children
Josephine & Children*

Sunday, 11:00am – May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Christopher Berry Gray

his Family

Tuesday, 8:30am – May 5, 2026

*L) Souleymane Lenaud and friends
Evelyn & Nicholas Troli*

*Hilary & Raymond Jack
Family*

Wednesday, 8:30am – May 6, 2026 – MEMORIAL – Saint François de Laval – Patron of the Bishops of Canada

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo

Family

Thursday, 8:30am - May 7, 2026

For All Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, 7:00pm

*Jean Ndah & Louise Ayitey
Richard Abbey*

*Josephine & Children
Josephine & Children*

Friday, 8:30am – May 8, 2026 – Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

For All Parishioners Intentions