

PARISH BULLETIN
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WEEKEND MASS: **SATURDAY 4:00pm and SUNDAY 9:00am & 11:00am - Livestreamed**

WEEKDAY MASS: **TUESDAY to FRIDAY - 8:30am**

EVENING MASS: **THURSDAY - 7:00pm**

OFFICE HOURS: **Monday to Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm** *Closed 12:00pm – 1:00pm*

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

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

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29 November 2026

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ADVENT - The first week of Advent and the first Sunday of Advent mark the beginning of the Advent season in the Christian liturgical calendar. Advent is a period of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Each of the four weeks of Advent has a specific theme, and the first week typically centers around the theme of "Hope" or "Expectation."

First Sunday of Advent: On the first Sunday of Advent, Christians light the first candle on the Advent wreath. This candle is called the "Hope" or "Prophet's Candle," symbolizing the anticipation of the coming Messiah and the hope that He brings to the world. The Scripture readings and prayers during this week often focus on the prophecies in the Old Testament about the promised Savior and the expectation of His arrival.

As a season of hope, it helps increase our desire for God. This is done not only by seeing Him as a future goal, but also by seeing him as someone whom we can encounter today. We meet him and attain our unity with him through the state of life to which he calls us, and through the circumstances of life. God's presence among us becomes clearer to us as we advance in the Christian journey. It is the unfolding of a mystery.
This mystery will be revealed when we see God face to face. Heaven is in our midst today through Jesus's presence among us.

If we look at life not as something to be avoided, but something to be embraced, we find that God is running toward us in Christ's Incarnation, meeting us in our lives in such a way that he draws us into God's own life. And this coming of Christ is what Advent is all about.
In the encounter of God, we meet the One who loves us first, we experience his love as something life-giving.

Seeing Advent as a time to increase our desire for God, then, we learn to experience Christ as the One who is always coming to meet us, always drawing us to himself. By embracing our vocation, our state of life and the situations of our lives, we also embrace opportunities of encounter with God. Advent, then, is our opportunity to recommit ourselves to encountering him through these things. By turning toward the Lord in this way, we will experience his love for us, which will increase our desire for Him, thereby increasing our hope.

It's a time of waiting with hope and faith for the coming of Christ, not only in remembrance of His historical birth but also in anticipation of His coming again in glory.



SAVE THE DATE – 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL!
Christmas is a season of joy, sharing, and togetherness. As we prepare to celebrate this beautiful season, St. Monica's Parish warmly invites you, your family, and friends to our 3rd Annual Christmas Carnival on **Saturday**, **December 12, 2026, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm** in the parish hall. Join us for a festive afternoon filled with exciting games, wonderful prizes, Christmas activities, and entertainment for all ages. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and be part of the celebration! Admission: $10 each person. Children 5 years of age and younger is free! Come and share the Christmas spirit, strengthen our bonds of friendship, and create beautiful memories together. Everyone is welcome! For more details, please refer to the flyers posted on the parish notice board.



CHRISTMAS DONATION DRIVE – ST. MONICA'S PARISH

This Christmas, St. Monica's Parish is delighted to partner once again with CLSC Benny Farm to support local families in need of essential baby supplies. We welcome donations of diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, diaper cream, CeraVe or Johnson's baby shampoo, baby lotion, digital thermometers, baby nail clippers, nasal aspirators, facecloths, bibs, supermarket gift card and other baby essentials. Donations will be collected over (2) weekends: December 5th-6th and December 12th – 13th. We warmly invite everyone to embrace this opportunity as a meaningful gesture of Christmas charity. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity!

FIRST THURSDAY - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our monthly First Thursday Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursday, December 3, 2026**, following the 7:00pm Mass and will continue until 8:30pm. As we journey through the season of Advent, everyone is warmly invited to spend some quiet moments in prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. May this be a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas.

CHURCH WARDEN ELECTION

A meeting of parishioners will be held on **Sunday, December 13, 2026**, immediately after the 11:00am Mass to elect (1) church warden to serve on the Fabrique of St. Monica's Parish.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a practising Roman Catholic
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of (1) year
- Consent to the nomination and be nominated by (2) parishioners present at the meeting

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

NORTH: The South side of Côte Saint-Luc Road between Beaconsfield and Walkley Avenues
SOUTH: St. Jacques Street
EAST: The West side of Beaconsfield Avenue from Côte Saint-Luc Road to St. Jacques Street
WEST: The East side of Walkley Avenue from Côte Saint-Luc Road to St. Jacques Street

All eligible parishioners are encouraged to participate in the election.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

As we look forward to this blessed season, we warmly invite you and your family to join our parish community in celebrating the birth of our Savior and welcoming the New Year in prayer.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

- **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – 5:00PM & 8:00PM
- **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH – 10:00AM
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE**: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST – 4:00PM
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY**: FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027 – 10:00AM

MASS INTENTIONS: November 28 – December 4, 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – November 28, 2026 – First Sunday of ADVENT

Ernesta Ciampini	*Mary Schiavi*
Iolanda Spurio	*Children*
Raffaele Cinelli	*Franca D'Addio*
Jean Graham	*Franca D'Addio*

Sunday, 9:00am – November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of ADVENT

Michael Giangaspero	*Family*
Sister Stella Fenile	*Brigitte*
Ernie Vea	*Maura Dacuycuy*

Sunday, 11:00am – November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of ADVENT

Leonilda Francescangeli	*Gino & Family*
Filippo Locacio	*Elena Di Meglio & Family*
Filomena & Luigi Forlini	*Erminio Forlini*
Emilia & Francesca Ciampini	*Erminio Forlini*

Tuesday, 8:30am – December 1, 2026 – Advent Weekday

Maria Meiorin	*Niece*
Alba & Luigi Paliotti	*Salvati Family*

Wednesday, 8:30am – December 2, 2026 – Advent Weekday

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo	*Family*

Thursday, 8:30am – December 3, 2026 – St. Francis Xavier

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	*Rosa & Luigi Salvati*

Thursday, 7:pm

James McCool	*Colleen Skarstedt*
Sonja Skarstedt	*Colleen Skarstedt*

Friday, 8:30am – December 4, 2026 – Advent Weekday

Raffaele Cinelli	*Pasquale Ambrosio*
L) Eduardo (health)	*Wife*