



Saint Monica Parish

Worship of God, Fellowship with Each Other, Service to All

2080 Merivale Road, Nepean, ON K2C 3H1 Phone: (613) 727-1067

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Closed Saturday and Sunday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30 am, 11am, 7pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 7pm (9am on holidays)

Tuesday: 9am

Wednesday: 7pm

Thursday: 9am

Friday: 9am

1st Saturday of the month - 9am

CONFESSIONS

Sat. Evening: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Sun. Evening: 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Weekdays:

One hour before Mass
or by appointment

ADORATION

Monday & Wednesday

6pm - 6:45pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

8am - 8:45am

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First Friday of the month

9:30am - 4pm

First Saturday of month

8am - 8:45am

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays after Mass

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Divine Mercy Cenacle

Every 4th Monday of the month

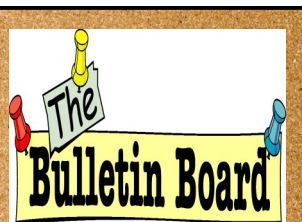
after the 7 pm Mass

WEBCAST SUNDAY MASS



The celebration of 11am Sunday Mass on the internet (YouTube) via <https://saintmonicaparish.ca/>.

September 7, 2025 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Children's Liturgy will
resume on Sep. 21.

Faith in Action Youth Group Presents:

BACK TO SCHOOL...FRESH START,
STRONG FINISH!

When: Sep. 19 Time: 7pm

Where: St. Monica Parish Hall

An evening to focus on starting the school year with the right tools and ending it well.

Special guest speaker: Jay Williams, Chaplain at St Mother Teresa High School. Bring a friend.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? (RCIA): Are you interested in knowing more about Christ and the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing your Sacraments of Initiation, contact Janice Pilgrim at 613-727-1067 x 221 or secretary@saintmonicaparish.ca for information. Weekly meetings will be held on Wednesday evening at 7pm beginning October 15th.



2026 First Communion Registration

For ALL (both Catholic school and public school) baptized Catholic children. You can only register your child for the reception of the Sacrament of **FIRST COMMUNION** in person at ONE of the following Parent Information Meetings (parents only). These meetings will take place at St. Monica Church.



Choose ONE of these meetings to attend:

Thu Oct 2 @ 7pm

Tue Oct 7 @ 7pm

Thu Oct 9 @ 7 pm

***Oct. 9 is the deadline for registering - no extensions or exceptions

Please call Milva Calla, School Age Sacrament Coordinator if you have any questions (613-727-1067 x 238).

Mass Intentions

Pray with us

	Indicates deceased relatives & friends. To arrange a Mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221).
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Sat Sep 6	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Edward Alles by the Alles Family
Sun Sep 7	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	+ Jacinta Perera by Frank & Sriyani Silva
9:30 am	Mass
11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
7:00 pm	+ Betty Bull by Patti
Mon Sep 8	Optional Mass for Labour Day
7:00 pm	Blessings for Felicia by Wanda & Janusz
Tue Sep 9	
9:00 am	Mass
Wed Sep 10	
7:00 pm	+ Kamla Fanta by Seeta Batchasingh
Thu Sep 11	
9:00 am	+ In Thanksgiving for Andy Plonquet by Joselaine Plonquet
Fri Sep 12	
9:00 am	+ Joyce Cooray by Frank & Sriyani Silva
Sat Sep 13	The Exultation of the Holy Cross
5:00 pm	+ Patricia Perera by the Alles Family
Sun Sep 14	The Exultation of the Holy Cross
8:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	+ Paul Varughese & Libni Eapen by Jacinta Varughese & Family
11:00 am	+ Norm & Helen Hagan by the Hagan Family
7:00 pm	The People of the Parish

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO ARE SICK...

Loraine Lamothe, Dayah Batchasingh, Asanga Alles, Pedro Hurtado, Jacques Drury, Josephine Manalo, Josh, Sylvia Lopez, Norah Shanque, Norma Mousaw, Norman Bégin, Ida Daly, Filomena Micucci, Linus Fontenard, Pam Devaux, Maureen Derrick, Edouardo Vásquez, Jeannette Ranta, Doug Parent, Craig Campbell, Laura Lamothe, Mary MacNeil

***If you would like us to pray for someone who is ill, please call the parish office at 613-727-1067 x 221.

Finance Council

You are welcome to continue to use automatic bank deposits, Interac, (donations@saintmonicaparish.ca) and credit card. Note that 'CanadaHelps' will issue the income tax receipt if you use this feature to donate through our parish website (<https://saintmonicaparish.ca>). For a set of donation envelopes, call the parish office at 613-727-1067.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS September 2025:

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

- Psalm 90

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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 Chair: Dawn Campbell 613-727-1067

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 Vacant

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 Reno Santini (5:00 & 7:00 pm) 613-843-8210
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Sacristan
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School Sacrament Preparation
 Milva Calla 613-727-1067 x238

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 Connie Carlotti 613-327-6037

Lectors & Commentators
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 TBA

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Monica Elementary School
 613- 226-5174
 2000 Merivale Rd.
 Principal: Kristen Charles

St. Andrew Elementary School
 613-843-0050
 201 Crestway Dr.
 Principal: Jennifer Flynn

Frank Ryan Jr. H School
 613-224-8833
 128 Chesterton Dr.
 Principal: Michael Raso

St. Mother Teresa High School
 613-823-1663
 440 Longfields Dr.
 Principal: Wanda Symes

St. Pius X High School
 613-225-8105
 1481 Fisher Ave.
 Principal: Mrs. Alex Belloni

Reflection - Proclaiming the Gospel takes "Dedication"

This past Thursday, September 4th, we celebrated the dedication of our archdiocesan cathedral: Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. In the cathedral itself it would be celebrated as a **solemnity**, the highest form of liturgical celebration. That would be equal in a rank with some more of the well-known solemnities in our liturgical calendar such as All Saints Day (Nov. 1) or the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8). Outside of the cathedral itself, such as in the parishes across the archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, it is celebrated as a feast day. We celebrate this feast in our parishes to evoke our connection with the nearly 120 parishes of the archdiocese as well as to our cathedral. Cathedrals are often considered the "Mother Church" of any diocese because they house the "cathedra," a Greek word for seat, or chair. The cathedral contains the seat of the archbishop, the one chosen by the Good Shepherd Himself through the Holy Spirit, to shepherd the Church in our local area. And so in celebrating this feast day, we remind ourselves of our communion with the Archbishop Marcel Dampousse and the entire Diocesan Church.

The question we might have is why the Church would invite us to commemorate a church building? After all, aren't they only buildings made of glass, wood, plaster, and stone? When we think of a feast day in the Church, we often associate them perhaps with a particular aspect of the life of Jesus, or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the apostles and martyrs. The answer of course lies in what these edifices point towards. It is the same with any saint we commemorate. They all point to Jesus' saving work in the world. We do not commemorate a saint for their sake or for their own merits, but for how they help us and orient us towards living out and proclaiming the Gospel in our midst. Our church buildings help us to do the same. They are places of beauty and worship, places where the Gospel is proclaimed and preached, and places of encounter with our Lord Jesus in the sacraments.

Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in downtown Ottawa is one of the first Catholic churches in Ottawa. The construction of the stone building we see today began in 1841 and was complete enough for its dedication on September 4th 1853. However, for decades before, the stone church, a wooden church called St. James, was in its place. It was a missionary parish from the Archdiocese of Kingston, meaning the Catholic Church was still in its infancy. Yet, over the years the stone church we see today was built and other parish churches were built to meet the needs the Catholic faithful in the area, and to boldly proclaim the Gospel.

Perhaps we may see a parallel between those early days of our diocese with our own local church here in Nepean. There is quickly growing population in our neighborhoods, and our parishes of St. Monica and St. Andrew serve nearly one tenth of the population of Ottawa. As we celebrate this dedication of Notre-Dame cathedral, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Notre-Dame, the Star of the New Evangelization, help us to be completely dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel boldly in our own time and in our own area.

Fr. Kevin Burgess

Parish News



St. Monica Four Seasons Book Club, (meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the Month, 7pm): Do you like to read? Would you like to discuss what you read with others? If the answer is yes, join us! Our next book is "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. We will discuss this book at our first meeting of the season on Sep. 11th.

Outdoor Eucharistic Adoration, Sun., Sep. 14 from 2 - 4 pm, at the Our Lady Sanctuary: Let us adore our Lord Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar here and everywhere. Go Out, Go Deep, Go Together! For information:

divinemercycenacle7@gmail.com.



Dinner & Movie Night: The evenings begin at 6pm with a bring your own brown bag dinner, followed by a movie that begins at 7pm. Of course, there will always be popcorn!

When: Friday, September 26

Feature: Contact (1997)

Trailer : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q399v-pMG30&t=4s>

DIVINE MERCY, EVENING OF PRAYER & RESOURCES, Mon., Sep. 22. 6 - 8:30pm: The evening will start with silent Adoration and confession, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30pm. After the 7pm Mass, everyone is welcome to join us in the Upper Meeting Room. This year, our meetings will focus on reparation and intercession for priests. We will be using the book *In Sinu Jesu*, written by an anonymous Benedictine Monk. We will discuss a different theme each month related to the teachings of the Catholic Church, the lives of the saints and the Diary of St. Faustina: *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. For information:

divinemercycenacle7@gmail.com.



Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Bible Study, Thu. 10am from Oct. 2nd to Nov. 20th or Wed. from Sep 29 at 7:45pm: This 8 week Catholic Bible study will bring you on an extraordinary pilgrimage, revealing Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives.

It is strongly recommended that participants purchase the accompanying workbook to get the maximum benefit of this study. Workbooks are available for purchase at the parish office for \$35.00. Call 613-727-1067 x 221 to register. Please indicate whether or not you will attend on Wednesdays or Mondays

Do you ever wonder "What can I do for my parish?": We always need help. The following is just a snippet of where you can help.

Live Stream: A ministry that serves shut ins and those who are temporarily unable to get to Sunday Mass. We need volunteers at the 11am Mass. If you are confirmed, are able to scroll on a computer, you meet the requirements for this Ministry. Please contact Doreen at stmonicaprojector@gmail.com. Getting involved is a good way to show your love for God!

Joke of the Week

Fr. Murphy walks into a pub and said to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Fr. Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

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