



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 28, 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 mandatory 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).

Scan the QR code and pre-register your child (Grades 2 - 5) for our Fall/Spring First Communion Program



Please note: The registration is not complete if you do not attend one of the **MANDATORY** parent meetings.



Information regarding registration for Confirmation will be available soon.



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.

— + — PRIESTS' RETREATS

Please note that our priests will be away for their Priests' Retreat the week of Oct. 27 - 31. There will be no daily Mass at St. Monica Church from Monday to Friday that week. Anyone wishing to attend Mass during that week can go to St. Maurice Church (4 Perry St.). Their schedule is; Tue. 7pm, Wed. 9am, Thu. 9am and Fri. 9am.

Mass Intentions

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 27	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Ian Lowing by Michael Roach
Sun Sep 28	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	+ Ramir Tulagan by Mirasol Tulagan
9:30 am	+ Efrain Figueroa by Walter Figueroa & Family
11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Jenoe Balote by the Balote & Rosales Family
Mon Sep 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
7:00 pm	Repose of the Souls of Michael, Gabriel & Raphael by Adolphe & Constance & Family
Tue Sep 30	St. Jerome
9:00 am	+ For the Souls of Kingsley & Concy Cooray by the Coorays
Wed Oct 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
7:00 pm	+ For the Repose of the Soul of Thérèse Nana by Adolphe & Constance & Family
Thu Oct 2	The Holy Guardian Angels
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Favours Received by Hélène Picard
Fri Oct 3	
9:00 am	+ Norman Hagan by Carolyn Hagan & Family
Sat Oct 4	St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 am	+ Repose of the Soul of Idrissa Ouedraogo by Adolphe & Constance & Family
Sat Oct 4	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Ruth McIntyre by a Parishioner
Sun Oct 5	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
11:00 am	A Special Intention
7:00 pm	+ Dave & Mary Griffith by the Twins



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

Jean Lapierre, Loraine Lamothe, Dayah Batchasingh, Asanga Alles, Pedro Hurtado, Jacques Drury, Josephine Manalo, Josh, Sylvia Lopez, Norah Shanque, Norma Mousaw, 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.



SPECIAL INVITATION/NOTICE

Archbishop Marcel Damphousse is scheduled to be the presider at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 15th at St. Andrew Parish to celebrate their Patronal Feast Day. The archbishop would like to take this opportunity to invite parishioners from St. Monica, St. Leonard, St. Brigid and St. John the Evangelist to attend this mass so that he can present his plans for the future for this area of our city. His wish is for all of these parishes to join him on this very special occasion and all parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass on Sat., Nov. 15th at 5pm at St. Andrew Parish (in the gym at St. Joseph High School, 3333 Greenbank Road).

As a result, there will be NO MASS at St. Monica Church on Sat., Nov. 15th. Please join us at St. Andrew.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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 Chair: Dawn Campbell 613-727-1067

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 Vacant

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Music Ministry:
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Sacristan
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School Sacrament Preparation
 Milva Calla 613-727-1067 x 238

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 Connie Carlotti 613-327-6037

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 Rosanna Mendoza rosanna.mendoza@yahoo.com

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 TBA

*Praise the Lord
who lifts up
the needy.*

- Psalm 113

PARISH SCHOOLS

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

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

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

Reflection - Where does your Treasure Lie?

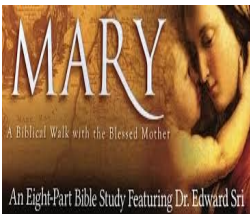
As I read the readings of this coming Sunday that's the question that comes to mind. I guess it's the reason that I continue to serve 11 years, almost to the day, after I officially retired as an active Deacon in the Archdiocese of Ottawa Cornwall. In our spiritual lives we work on developing an ever deeper love relationship with our God. As that develops, we are called to more. Love calls us to more. Love needs expression. To say that I love you but do absolutely nothing to show you that I love you is empty and isn't love at all.

The parable in the Gospel about the rich man and Lazarus, not to be confused with Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, is meant to challenge us. Where are your priorities? Are they in yourself only or do they extend beyond yourself to others? In life, the rich man did nothing to care for any of Lazarus' need for food let alone his other needs. Both die and Lazarus is carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham while the rich man simply dies and is buried. In his agony in Hades, he asks that Lazarus be allowed to dip his fingers in water and be allowed to touch his tongue and ease some of the torment he is in. Abraham explains that there is a large chasm between where the two men are and crossing from one side to the other is impossible. Then the rich man wants his family warned that this could be their fate too unless they change. Abraham's response is simple, they have Abraham and the prophets and they should listen to them.

We actually have more than what is in this parable, we have Jesus who has died and opened heaven for us. Therefore, our choice is between heaven and that other place where we live in the terrible pain of our souls having been created to live forever in the presence of God but not being able to do so because of the lives we have lived.

All love calls the human person to respond. Love of another person calls for a response from us just like love of God calls for a response. Your love of God calls you to respond in human ways to another, to your spouse, to your children/grandchildren, neighbours, coworkers, the homeless person etc. Our love of God calls us to love others. The time to respond to the love of God is now not later. Looking into the reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos you will see that it calls us to the same. We are called to be a people of love, love of God that is expressed in all of our relationships, in all the different relationships we have. **Your treasure lies in your love relationship with God.**

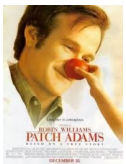
Parish News



Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Bible Study, Mon. from Sep 29 at 7:45pm or Thu. 10am from Oct. 2nd to Nov. 20th: 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. We have run out of workbooks but they are available for purchase by calling **Sunrise Marian Distribution** at 1-800-884-1171. Please call the parish office to register at 613-727-1067 x 221 to register. Please indicate whether or not you will attend on Mondays or Thursdays.

First Friday All day Adoration, Fri., Oct. 3, 8am - 4pm at Monica Church: The first Friday of every month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and we observe Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Mass is at 9:00 a.m.). All are welcome!

A Million Children Praying the Rosary, Tue., Oct. 7 4:30 pm at St. Monica Church: Join us for the One Million Children Paying the Rosary campaign organized by Aid to the Church in Need. We will pray for world peace and unity. If you are interested, please fill out the sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule. For more information about the campaign, go to: <https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/>



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, October 10

Feature: Patch Adams (1998)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzGGA1dvYE>



Faith in Action Youth Group Movie Night

When: Friday, October 17

Time & Where: 7pm in the Parish Hall at St. Monica Church

Who: Students Grades 7 and up

Feature Movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kY3SuNvqQPw>

Bring a friend and have a few laughs. More details to follow.



Joke of the Week

A little boy opened a big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object, it was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

Pro-Life News



LIFE CHAIN, OCT. 5

There will be an hour of silent prayer and witness for the respect for life on Sun., Oct. 5 from 2:00-3:00 pm at the corner of Merivale Rd.

and Meadowlands Dr. You are welcome to park nearby at St. Maurice Church.

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