



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/>.

October 5, 2025

27th 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:

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.

2026 Confirmation Registration



Children in Grade six and up, seeking Confirmation in 2026 must be registered for our preparation program by **Nov. 13** at a one-hour **parent-only** meeting at St. Monica Church. Information will be sent to the catholic elementary schools within our parish boundaries. If you have any questions information: sacraments.schoolage@gmail.com.

Choose **ONE** of these meetings to attend:

Tue. Nov. 4 @ 7pm

Thur. Nov. 6@7pm

Thu Nov. 13 @ 7pm

**Nov. 13 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).

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**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).	intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221).
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Sat Oct 4	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 pm	+ Ruth McIntyre by a Parishioner	
Sun Oct 5	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 am	+ For the Soul & Birthday of Adornado Tolledo Sr. by the Tolledo & Burgos Family	
9:30 am	+ Isabel Swampillai by the Antonipillai Family	
11:00 am	A Special Intention	
7:00 pm	+ Dave & Mary Griffith by the Twins	
Mon Oct 6		
7:00 pm	For a Special Intention by the Coorays	
Tue Oct 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Favours Received by Hélène Picard	
Wed Oct 8		
7:00 pm	+ For the Death Anniversary of Sergio Boloron by Cecilia & Family	
Thu Oct 9		
9:00 am	+ For the Repose of the Soul of Claver Kazimbaya by Didace Kamilindi	
Fri Oct 10		
9:00 am	+ Ruth McIntyre by the Coorays	
Sat Oct 11	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 pm	95th Birthday Blessings for Margaret Larmon by Jenny & Joe	
Sun Oct 12	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 am	100 Birthday Blessings for Mary MacNeil by Elizabeth O'Connor & Family	
9:30 am	For the People of the Parish	
11:00 am	+ Alfredo Michelena by Shirley Michelena	
7:00 pm	+ For the Soul of Susil Gunaratne by the Family	

Lord, I will trust in you



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

Jean Lapierre, Loraine Lamothe, Dayah Batchasingh, 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 Dampousse 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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O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts

- Psalm 95

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Monica Elementary School
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2000 Merivale Rd.
Principal: Kristen Charles

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

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

Reflection - Month of the Holy Rosary

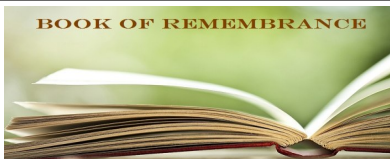
In a recent Wednesday audience, Pope Leo XIV invited all Catholics – personally, in the family, or in community – to pray the rosary daily for peace throughout the month of October, a month traditionally dedicated to the rosary. During October, we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, along with several other saints that we can say are particularly Marian. One example is Saint John Paul II whose feast is on October 22nd. His motto as pope was “totus tuus” which is a Latin phrase meaning “all yours”. It is based on a prayer in the Marian consecration from St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, and expresses his total devotion to Mary, who unites us more closely to Jesus. We also celebrate the feast of the evangelist, St. Luke, on October 18th. Of all four Gospels, Luke’s infancy narrative is the most detailed when it comes to Mary’s role in the early life of Jesus. It is in the Gospel of Luke where we find the beautiful prayer, the Magnificat, Mary’s song of praise. We also find in Luke’s Gospel an account of all five of the joyful mysteries of the rosary: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity of our Lord, the Presentation of the Lord, and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

As we have just celebrated this past week the feast of the archangels (September 29) and of our guardian angels (October 2nd), I’d like to consider the words in the Hail Mary prayer that we are so familiar with. We first say “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.” These are the same words used by the archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation of the Lord, when Mary was told that she would conceive and become the Mother of God. Every time we pray this prayer, we are in communion with all of the saints and the angels in heaven in their constant hymn of praise. We can imagine that this hymn of praise continuing with “and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.” In praying the Hail Mary prayer, we are giving praise to Jesus through his Mother, the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Finally, when we say “pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death,” we acknowledge that Mary’s prayers for us can soften our hearts. Our world today is torn apart by so much violence, war, and destruction. At the root of this reality is sin that hardens the heart of each human person. The saints down the centuries were deeply aware of that fact and their own personal need to change their hearts. In this month of October, this month of the Holy Rosary, let us commit to pray for peace, both in our own hearts and in the world, by invoking daily the Queen of Peace, our Blessed Mother, through our daily rosary.

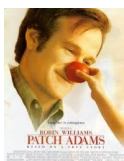
Fr. Kevin Burgess

Parish News



Our **Book of Remembrance** will be in the vestibule **until Oct. 31** so that throughout October you may enter in it the names of deceased relatives and friends. On **Sat., Nov. 1**, the *Feast of all Saints* and **Sun., Nov. 2** the *Commemoration of all Souls*, it will be placed before the altar for the Masses so that we may pray with you for them.

A Million Children Praying the Rosary, Tue., Oct. 7, 4:30 pm at St. Monica Church: Join us for the One Million Children Praying 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=lZqGA1ldvYE>

Rosary Rally (Canada Needs our Lady): Saturday, October 11th @ 12pm, please join in the Rosary Crusade Rally held at the front of St. Monica for the recitation of the Rosary as a public demonstration of our love & devotion to the Blessed Mother This Rally is one of the hundreds of rallies held throughout North America that day.



Faith in Action Youth Group Movie Night (for grades 7 to 12)

When: Friday, October 17, Time & Where: 7pm in the Parish Hall at St. Monica Church

Who: Students Grades 7 and up

Feature Movie: Haunted Mansion (2023) Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjLKTz81bj8>

Mark your calendar and bring a friend (or two!). There will also a CANDY BUFFET and prizes for the most, creative, funniest and most unique costumes but no blood or gore.



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.

Joke of the Week

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

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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