



Saint Monica Parish

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

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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 holiday)

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 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**PRIESTS'
RETREATS**

Please note that our priests will be away for the 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.

2026 Confirmation Registration

Confirmation

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).



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 so 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).

Mass Intentions

PRAY WITH US

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

Jean Lapierre, Lorraine 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.



Leo P.P. XIV

Pope's Prayer Intention October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions;

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

	Indicates deceased relatives & friends. To arrange a Mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221). +++++
Sat Oct 18	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Ruth McIntyre by Rosemary Erlanger
Sun Oct 19	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	+ Pat & Frank Maloney by Barbara Maloney
9:30 am	+ For the Soul of Phillipina Angelica Stevens by the Toledo & Burgos Family
11:00 am	+ Adolfo Viola by his Children
7:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon Oct 20	
9:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Liana Peiris by the Peiris Family
Tue Oct 21	
9:00 am	+ Deceased Members of the Family by the Coorays
Wed Oct 22	
7:00 pm	+ Norm & Helen Hagan by the Hagan Family
Thu Oct 23	
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Favours Received by Hélène Picard
Fri Oct 24	
9:00 am	+ Yvette Chouloute by Jean Daniel & Juliette Chouloute
Sat Oct 25	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Tak Sing Ng by Dominic & Maria Ng
Sun Oct 26	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
9:30 am	+ Marcel Lalonde by Gail & John Hitsman
11:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Joselaine Plonquet
7:00 pm	+ Louis Caesar Ong by the Ong Family

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Our help is from the Lord, who made heav'n and earth
 - Psalm 121

PARISH SCHOOLS

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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

In today's Gospel Jesus exhorts his disciples "to pray always and not to lose heart."

How do we define "pray always." When we pray we are having a conversation with God. Pray always doesn't mean we have to pray 24 hours a day. We pray to maintain a close relationship with the Lord. This is so as not to be influenced by the wickedness and snares of the adversary. Satan will do everything in his power to draw us into the darkness of sin and away from the light of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In Luke 11:1-4, one of the disciples asks Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus answers, "When you pray," say what we know today as the Lord's Prayer. This is the first prayer of all prayers. The "Our Father" may be said many times throughout the course of our day. Like the disciples, our lack of prayer can lead to discouragement. This happens with everyone - from great saints, you, and me. We all struggle with this. We all get dismayed in life. God never promised an easy life for us. His promise is that He will always be with us. We take great comfort in His promise to us.

In our Gospel, we have two distinct characters. A widow who represents the vulnerable and powerless. Also, a judge who is impatient, doesn't fear God and has little respect for mankind. The widow is persistent in appearing before the judge asking for justice for her adversary. At first he ignores the pleas of the widow but eventually relents. He doesn't do this out of a sense of compassion but more out of his own concern of being worn out by the appeals of the widow.

The widow gives us an example of what occurs in our patience and perseverance in our prayer life. This is the sort of resilience in our communication with God even when He doesn't answer quickly. God knows better than we do when we are to be ready for His reply. And only then.

The judge on the other hand flies in the face of God. He is unrighteous while God is righteous and just. The judge is motivated by his own needs. God is motivated by His love and compassion for His children. The judge gives in to the widow begrudgingly. God in His mercy wants to bring justice to His people. God desires to bolster the faith of the disciples. He also wishes to ensure that they understand His willingness to hear and act on their prayers.

Jesus ends the parable saying, "Nevertheless, when the son of man comes will he find faith on earth?" This is an important question as it links persistent prayer to the existence of faith. True faith is the inclination to persevere in faith trusting in the Word of God even in our dryness of faith, the hardships of life and our impatience for God to answer our prayers in His own, not ours.

In conclusion, this parable shows that, when Jesus returns to earth, will he find people praying, who have not given up on God? If this is so, he will find people who have not grown weary and discouraged by life. Because they have continued seeing God at work in their lives. They have not given up on prayer. And may we be among them, people who learned to pray always so as not to lose heart. Amen.

Deacon Tom Cuddihy

Parish News

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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.



Divine Mercy, Evening of Prayer & Resources, Mon., Oct. 20, 6 - 8:30pm: The evening will start with silent Eucharistic Adoration and confession, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30pm. After the 7pm Mass, everyone is welcome to join us in the Office Boardroom on the main floor. 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.



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

When: Friday, October 24, 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 be a CANDY BUFFET and prizes for the most, creative, funniest and most unique costumes but no blood or gore.

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: Fri., Nov. 7

Feature: Saving Private Ryan (1998)

Trailer :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CiW_DgxCnQ



St. Monica Four Seasons Book Club, meetings held in the second Thursdays of the month, 7pm Upper Meeting Room at St. Monica Church: Do you read? Would you like to discuss what you read with others? If the answer is yes, join us! We would love to hear your thoughts and insights on our next selection "My Heart will Triumph." by Mirjana Soldo, Sean Bloomfield and Miljenko Musa. Next meeting Nov. 13.

Lord, I will trust in you

Diocesan News

St. Pius X High School Alumni Mass, Sun., Oct. 26 2pm, St. Maurice Church, 4 Perry St.: All St. Pius X High School Alumni and friends are invited to celebrate mass at St. Maurice Church. The celebrant will be Fr. Roger Vandenakker. The mass intention will be for the repose of the soul of Mark Hough and we will also pray for all those who were impacted by the tragic 1975 shooting. For information, please contact: Peppirigg@gmail.com.

Joke of the Week

Dear God,

I think you'd be proud of me! So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, lusted, lost my temper, or been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that.

In a few minutes, though, I'm going to get out of bed. From then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

Amen.

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