



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 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

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Jesus, our Hope and our Joy!

Advent Mission

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
December 16th - 18th, 2025 - 7:00 pm

Presented by

Magnificat MINISTRIES
PUTTING OUT INTO THE DEEP

St. Monica Parish
2080 Merivale Rd, Ottawa, ON

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
Thu., Dec. 18th 7pm



Christmas Craft Hour

Hosted by the Youth Group

Saturday December 6 @ 3:30pm

St. Monica Church Hall

\$10 Per Child Ages 4-10

Proceeds support our
Giving Tree Project

Register by December 1, 2025



WEBCAST SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass Intentions *Pray with us.*

	Indicates deceased relatives & friends. To arrange a Mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221). +++++
Sat Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	+ Nicola & Leo Giustiniani by their sister, Luisa Rispoli
Sun Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent
8:00 am	+ Jacintha Perera by Sriyani & Frank Silva
9:30 am	Birthday Blessings for Myrna & Zenith Tolledo by the Tolledo & Burgos Family
11:00 am	The People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Blessings for Didace Fikili by his Children
Mon Dec 1	
7:00 pm	+ My Father, Francis by Janet Mboire
Tue Dec 2	
9:00 am	+ Ngai Mui Wong by Dominic & Maria Ng
Wed Dec 3	St. Francis Xavier
7:00 pm	+ Dayah Ramdhanie by a Parishioner
Thu Dec 4	
9:00 am	+For the Repose of the soul of Marito Chong Zamora by the Ramos Family
Fri Dec 5	
9:00 am	+ For the Soul of Solomon Asgemon by his Daughters
Sat Dec 6	
9:00 am	+ Mike Bremner
Sat Dec 6	Second Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	+ Thangaraga Nichalapillai by Moreen
Sun Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 am	+ For the Soul of Julien Pereira
9:30 am	+ Irene & Alfred Wagner by the Family
11:00 am	+ Fr. Mathieu Yanogo by Adolphe & Constance's Family
7:00 pm	+ Rodney Reddick by the Paerez Family

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

Jean Lapierre, Loraine Lamothe, 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.

FIRST WEEK
OF ADVENT

Give Hope

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK WILL FOCUS ON RESTORING HOPE IN OUR WORLD. THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE FEELING HOPELESS AND ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER. DURING THIS WEEK OF ADVENT, PRAY FOR THE HOPE OF CHRIST TO PENETRATE OUR HEARTS.



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vacant

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Baptismal Prep

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TBA

**PRAY FOR IT.
THEN
PREPARE
FOR IT.**

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Monica Elementary School

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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—My Journey Home (Part II)

Catholic layman to Catholic priest

After entering the Roman Catholic Church as a layman, I petitioned for ordination as a Catholic priest along with three other former Anglican ministers. At the time, I found it rather like trying to surf a tsunami, but have absolutely no regrets. As there was no guarantee my petition would be granted, I prepared to support my family as a Catholic layman by brushing up my accounting credentials, in case that was how I was called to continue to serve the Church. We four prospective ordinands attended weekly online classes to help us appreciate the fullness of the Catholic Church beyond what we were taught in Anglican seminaries, and we completed a program called Evangelium which introduced us to the amazing riches of the Catholic Catechism.

We all had to submit dossiers with pages of personal information and a narrative of how God had led us to petition for Catholic ordination. We also had to submit a letter from our wives supporting our petition. The dossier required a letter from the local Catholic bishop agreeing to the need for the Church to ordain a married man. This all went off to Rome for two part approval. We were told the first part was the hardest to pass, but Pope John Paul II decided that the second part of the approval for applications from married former Protestant ministers required the personal signature of the reigning pope.

At the time we thought since Pope Benedict XVI had invited us to respond to *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, we stood a good chance provided we passed the initial examination, but then Pope Benedict resigned, we saw the election of Pope Francis, and then (you may already know) the Vatican staff takes the summer off. By God's grace, the first part of our acceptance came in the early fall, and second part came in the late fall of 2013.

My diocese (Chair of St Peter) didn't have a bishop at the time, so my Monsignor ordinary asked Archbishop Prendergast if he would be so kind as to ordain us, which he did on December 14, 2013, the feast of St John of the Cross and memorial of Catherine Doherty, Servant of God and foundress of Madonna House. It is customary for newly ordained priests to have lunch with their archbishop after their ordination, and as I was leaving that wonderful dinner, the archbishop came up to me and asked if I had ever considered hospital chaplaincy. I admitted that while I had not, I was open to the discussion.

By being open to God's call and the direction of the Church the past almost 12 years have been a amazing time of drawing nearer to our Lord and serving his Church both in hospitals and in various parishes, most recently the QCH and St Monica and St. Andrew. I thank you for your welcome, and pray that God will continue to nourish, strengthen and send us out as his missionary Church.

Fr. Kipling Cooper

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Wed., Dec 24 Nativity of the Lord -

**5pm (Christmas Pageant) 7pm, 9pm
& 12pm (in French)**

Thu., Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord -

8am, 9:30am, & 11am (Live Streamed)

Sat., Dec. 27 Holy Family - 5pm

Sun., Dec. 28 Holy Family - 8am, 9:30am, 11am (Live Streamed) & 7pm

Wed., Dec. 31 Mary Mother of God - 5:00 pm

Thu., Jan. 1 Mary Mother of God - 9:00 am

Upcoming at the Parish

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: All children between the ages of 4-12 years are invited to participate in the proclaiming of the Nativity through a Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals begin **Sun., Nov. 30** after the 11:00 am Mass. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule. **Bring your angel and wise guys to help proclaim the Gospel!**

GIVING TREE, Deadline: Dec. 7th : Again this year we are asking for cash donations instead of food for our "Giving Tree" program. For every contribution received, a paper ornament will be added to our Giving Tree that will be displayed at the front of the church beginning the First Sunday of Advent. Let's fill this tree! Please mail in your contribution or place it in a separate envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Donations can also be made by E-Transfer at donations@saintmonicaparish.ca; indicate that your donation is for the Giving Tree. (so that we have sufficient time to fulfill our requests for assistance). **To register to receive help this Christmas, call the parish office at 613-727-1067 x 221.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, Deadline: Dec. 7th: To remember a deceased friend or family member in a special way this Christmas, please consider donating \$10 - \$20 for a poinsettia which would be used to decorate the church at Christmas. You may use the special 'Flowers for Christmas' envelope in the vestibule. Please include your phone number and print the name(s) of the deceased clearly.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY, Fri. Dec. 12th, Our event begins with a documentary of Our Lady of Guadalupe (in the parish hall) and ends at 9pm. There will be time for veneration of a 2nd Class relic and social.

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sun., Dec. 14 after the 11am Mass (Parish Hall). Please join us after Mass to enjoy some fellowship. If you can contribute some treats for the event, please bring them to the parish hall before the 11am Mass. If you can help, call Val(613-301-4689).

St. Monica Four Seasons Book Club, held on the second Thursdays of the month, 7pm Upper Meeting Room at St. Monica Church: There will be no meeting in December. 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 "*Theology of the Body for Every Body*" by Leah Perrault. **Next meeting Jan. 8th.**

Jokes of the Week

- Volunteer Opportunity; The director of the Christmas pageant is still looking for wise men. No experience necessary.
- How does good king Wenceslas like his pizza? Deep and crisp and even.
- What is a mother's favourite Christmas carol? Silent Night

Pope's Prayer Intentions Dec. 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict;

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



Laus P.P. XIV

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