



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

CONFESIONS

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

Dec. 21, 25 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 28, 25 - Holy Family

Jan. 4, 26 - Epiphany

Merry Christmas!

From your St. Monica Team

*Fr. Pierre, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Kipling, Dcn Tom
Janice, Milva, Robella & Charlie*

Office Closure

Please note the Parish Office will be closed at noon on December 23rd.

We will reopen at 9 am on January 5th We look forward to serving you again in the New Year!



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Wed., Dec 24 Nativity of the Lord -

5pm (Christmas Pageant) 7pm, 9pm

& Midnight Mass (12am) (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 - 11:00 am

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO Children's Liturgy on Sun. Dec. 28 or Sun. , Jan. 4th



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

Mass Intentions

+ Indicates deceased relatives & friends.

Sat Dec 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

5pm In Thanksgiving by the Ramos Family

Sun Dec 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Special Intention for Marge Bennett & Family by Carolyn Hagan
 9:30 am + Danica Milatovic by Lidia & Mathieu Le François
 11:00am + Bishop Alix Verrier by Marie Yvana and Jean Baptiste Samedy
 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon Dec 22 -

7:00pm + Fr. Eddy Julien by Marie Yvana & Jean-Baptiste Samedy

Tue Dec 23 -

9:00am + Deceased Members of the Gulas & Campeau Families
 by Madeleine & Gary Gulas

Wed Dec 24 - The Nativity of the Lord

5:00pm (with Pageant) + Betrand & Marie Fortin by Manon Fortin
 7:00pm + Deceased Members of the Hagan Family by Carolyn Hagan
 9:00pm Birthday Blessings for Mercedes Lachica by the Family
 Midnight (in French) In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary by Juliette Chouloute

Thu Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am + Mercedes Gonzales by the Villaruel Family
 9:30am + Joseph Huong Dang by Nga Dang
 11:00am For the People of the Parish

Fri Dec 26 - St. Stephen

9:00am + Bishop Willy Romelus by Marie Yvana & Jean Baptiste Samedy

Sat Dec 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00pm + Jude & Dilu Cooray by the Coorays

Sun Dec 28 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am + Deceased Members of the Handrigan Family by the Hagan Family
 9:30 am The People of the Parish
 11:00am In Thanksgiving by the Folliet Family
 7:00 pm Anniversary Blessings for Ayomi & Marian Perera

Mon Dec 29 -

7:00pm In Thanksgiving by the Fernando Family

Tue Dec 30

9:00am Birthday Blessings for Ecce

Wed Dec 31 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Thu Jan 1 - The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 am Blessings for the New Year by the Houenou & Djogbenou Family

Fri Jan 2 - Sts. Gregory the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00am + Jeannine & Mickey Pritchard by Madeleine & Gary Gulas

Sat Jan 3 -

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Michelle Ouedraogo by Adolphe & Constance's Family

Sat Jan 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm + For the Soul of Julian Pereira by the Coorays

Sun Jun 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am + Joseph Huong Dang by Nga Dang

9:30 am + For the Repose of the Soul of Constance Lapierre by the Lapierre Family

11:00 am + Anne Marie Kabore by Adolphe & Constance's Family

7:00 pm + Jeannette Bissonette by Linda Burgess

Mon Jan 5 -

7:00 pm + Tony Mariados by Cecilia, Emerita, Clementine & their Families

Tue Jan 6 -

9:00 am Blessings for our Sons and their Families by Madeleine & Gary Gulas

Wed Jan 7

7:00pm In Thanksgiving by Viet Nguyen

Thu Jan 8 - (Coffee Club resumes)

9:00 am in Thanksgiving for Wendy Booker by Frank & Sriyani Silva

Fri Jan 9 -

9:00 am + Antonia & André Lafleur by Marie Yvana & Jean Baptiste Samedy

Sat Jan 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sun Jan 11 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for Andy Plonquet by Joselaine Plonquet

9:30 am + Than Dong Joseph by Nga Dang

11:00am + Gilles Poirier by Celsa Morante & Family

7:00 pm + Mohamed Sylla by Laura Tunga Muzango



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For Unto Us A Child Is Born
And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselee, Mighty God, Everlasting Justice, Prince of Peace.

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 Principal: Jennifer Flynn

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 440 Longfields Dr.
 Principal: Wanda Symes

Reflection

As the season of Advent draws to a close, we look forward to the first coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, "God with us". It is a time for many of us, to gather as families and friends to join in celebrating God's great love for us. This is also a very opportune time to share our faith.

Most of the people I visit as a hospital chaplain did not expect to have been admitted to hospital. Having a conversation with your family before an unexpected event results in hospital admission can be a great help to receiving the care you expect and reducing stress for your family.

There is a website advancecareplanningontario.ca put together by Hospice and Palliative Care Ontario which has many excellent resources to help with those conversations. I highly recommend taking the time to go through it. The conversations could include what kinds of care are desired. For example, resuscitation (CPR) can possibly result in broken ribs which, for the elderly can take longer to heal.

Our catechism, paragraph 2278 (emphasis added) says "Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "over-zealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. **The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected."**

Having a Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) is automatic, usually family although you may appoint an Attorney for Personal Care. For those with no family or POA, the province of Ontario will appoint a SDM, but since it is impossible to have a conversation with someone who is not appointed until after one is no longer able to make his own decisions, being proactive and having the conversations sooner rather than later. It is also helpful to choose a SDM younger than yourself, because it is certainly possible that by the time they are needed, one's peers could be unable or unwilling to act on your behalf. It is also important to select and individual or individuals who will accurately represent your faith and what is important to you.

As we celebrate the great feast of Christmas, we celebrate the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. We are reminded also that each one of us is made in the image and likeness of God. This affects how we live, how we deal with illness, and how we face death. Part of Advent is preparation for the Second Coming, as well as the First (Christmas). May our preparations be guided by the Holy Spirit so that we bear witness to our faith, and share that faith with our families and friends.

May God grant us, each one, a very happy Christmastide!

Fr. Kipling

Upcoming at the Parish

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.**

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, January 16th

Feature: Shadowlands (1993)

Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zfkfR4X4X4>



Euchre Night, Sat. Jan. 24, St. Monica Parish Hall: door open at 6:30 pm, play begins at 7pm, cost is \$5 per player

A good time was had by all at our last Euchre Night in November so we decided to have another one. Sign up sheets will go out soon but mark your calendar now. If you have any questions, call the office.

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.



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

John Ward, Socorro Umrysh, Mike O'Neil, 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.

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.

Jan. 2026

For prayer with the Word of God;

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Jokes of the Week

A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of Jesus' family. After collecting the drawings, she noticed that one little boy's drawing depicted an airplane with four heads sticking out of the windows.

"I see you drew three heads to show Joseph, Mary and Jesus," she said to the boy. "But who does the fourth head belong to?"

The boy replied, "That's Pontius the pilot."

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