



# 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

## WEBCAST SUNDAY MASS



The celebration of 11am Sunday Mass on the internet (YouTube) via

<https://saintmonicaparish.ca/>.

**January 11, 2026**

## The Baptism of the Lord

## THANK YOU



Total donations to the Giving Tree \$6492.40

Total Expenses \$7250.00

A total of 34 families from our area received assistance for Christmas.



## Upcoming at the Parish



**Dinner & Movie Night:** The evenings begin at **6:15pm** 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=-zfkmbRX4X4>

**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.



**Divine Mercy Cenacle, Mon. Jan. 26, 2026:**

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with silent Eucharistic Adoration and confessions (Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 6:30pm). After 7:00pm. Mass, in the Upper Meeting Room, there will be a talk on the Role of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome!

# Mass Intentions



**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.

<b>Indicates deceased relatives &amp; friends. To arrange a Mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221).</b>	
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<b>Sat Jan 10</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sun Jan 11</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Andy Plonquet by Joselaine Plonquet
9:30 am	+ Joseph Than Dong by Nga Tang
11:00 am	+ Gilles Poirier by Celsa Morante & Family
7:00 pm	+ Mohamed Sylla by Laura Tunga Muzango
<b>Mon Jan 12</b>	<b>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</b>
7:00 pm	Birthday Blessings for Mervin Lachica by the Family
<b>Tue Jan 13</b>	
9:00 am	+ Annette & Anthony Samedy by Jean Baptiste & Marie Yvana Samedy
<b>Wed Jan 14</b>	
7:00 pm	For an Increase in Vocations & Religious Life by the St. Andrew CWL
<b>Thu Jan 15</b>	<b>(Coffee Club after Mass)</b>
9:00 am	+ Macario & Trinidad Torres by Robella
<b>Fri Jan 16</b>	
9:00 am	+ For the Souls in Purgatory by Madeleine & Gary Gulas
<b>Sat Jan 17</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:00 pm	+ For Deceased Family Members by John & Gail Hitsman
<b>Sun Jan 18</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
9:30 am	+ For the Repose of the Soul of Constance Lapierre by Barbara Maloney
11:00 am	+ Emmett Lacour by Luisa Rispoli
7:00 pm	+ Donald Henderson by his wife

## 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.



The **2026 Contribution Envelopes** are on the table in the vestibule ready for pick up. If you are not currently on envelope holder and would like to be, contact the parish office.

## Pope's Prayer Intentions 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.



Gen. P.P. XIV

*The Lord will bless his people with peace. - Psalm 29*

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Chairperson: vacant

**Land & Building Committee**  
Vacant

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
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**Sacristan**  
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Milva Calla 613-727-1067 x238

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Connie Carlotti 613-327-6037

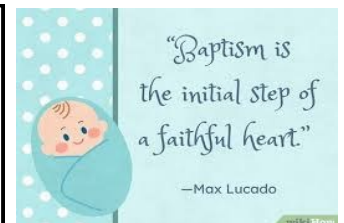
**Lectors & Commentators**  
Rosanna Mendoza [rosanna.mendoza@yahoo.com](mailto:rosanna.mendoza@yahoo.com)

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**Baptismal Prep**  
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**Social Outreach:**  
TBA



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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

### The Baptism of the Lord

With today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord we have reached the end of the Christmas Season and will begin Ordinary Time. Remember that Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. It is called Ordinary Time because the weeks of this time are counted as you will see and this counting will be interrupted during the times of Lent and Easter and will continue after Pentecost (the last day of the Easter season). This year since the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on January 11th, the next day is the Memorial to Saint Marguerite Bourgeois and Tuesday, January 13th is Tuesday of the 1st week in Ordinary Time.

Between Christmas Day and today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, there has been a whirlwind of activity and time go by. Jesus is born as an infant, the shepherds visit, Jesus is named and circumcised, the Magi come to worship the infant Jesus, the escape into Egypt, the return to Nazareth and Jesus is presented in the temple. We next hear of Jesus when he's 12 and on the annual trip to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, Jesus is lost and then found in the temple listening to and questioning the teachers. After all of that comes today's Gospel when Jesus comes to be baptized in the river Jordan by John. He's now about 30 years of age. All of that is remembered in 18 days.

As Jesus comes forth to be baptized John the Baptist recognizes who He is once again (The Holy Spirit has nudged John both times). The first time was when the newly expectant Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth and as soon as Elizabeth is greeted by Mary the child in her womb leaps for joy and Elizabeth exclaims: "Why has this happened that the Mother of my Lord comes to visit me?" At Jesus' Baptism John recognizes Jesus and to paraphrase says that this is backwards that it's him who should be baptized by Jesus. Jesus' response to John is to just "just let it be so for now" so John goes ahead and baptizes Jesus.

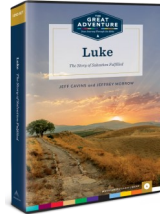
As you think about Jesus' baptism, I'd like you to also think about your own baptism. How important is your baptism to you? What is the most important sacrament you have received? About 40 years ago I was asked to go to a meeting of the group of people preparing to be accepted into our faith and their leaders. One of the questions they asked me was: "What is the most important sacrament you have received?" My immediate answer was baptism because that's the one I live every moment of my life. The other 6 strengthen my ability to live my baptism. I will and you will live my/your baptism until each of us takes our last breath. Baptism isn't a moment in time but is a life-long lived experience. Within that light, think about your baptism.

**Deacon Ray**

## Upcoming at the Parish - cont...

St. Monica Four Seasons Book Club, held on 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 *"Stay with Me"* by Carolyn Astfalk. **Next meeting Feb. 12th**

**Book Club**



**Bible Study, Feb. 2 - March 26:** The next study will be "Luke: The Story of Salvation" and will have 8 sessions. It will be offered on Monday evenings and Thursday morning. Details will be available next week.

## In the Diocese



**Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program - Spring 2027, Mon., Mar. 9 - May 11 1:00pm-3:30pm or 7:00pm -9:15pm, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 972 Woodroffe Ave.:** An inter-denominational program affiliated with the Christian Council of the Capital Area. Basic Course: \$150 before Feb. 27, \$175 after. At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave. Link to register: <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/S2026-Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>

## Faith In Action Pathfinders

POOL 

 FOOSBALL

MINUTE - TO- WIN- IT 

 SNACK, LAUGHS,  
FRIENDLY COMPETITION

WHEN: JANUARY 23 @ 7PM

WHERE: ST. MONICA PARISH

BRING A FRIEND!

YOUTH NIGHT...GAME ON

## Jokes of the Week

A priest was finishing up a homily about temperance. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it in the river!"

The congregation nodded approval and shouted, "Amen."

"And if I had all the whiskey in the world," said the priest, "I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

The congregation said again, "Amen!"

As the priest sat down, the music minister stood and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing hymn 365: Shall We Gather at the River."

And the congregation all sang, "Amen!"

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