



Saint Monica Parish

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

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Office Hours: Call ahead to check the Monday - Friday schedule. Definitely closed before 9:00 am and after 4:00 pm.
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

1st Saturday of the month - 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Sat. Evening: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Sun. Evening: 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Wed.: from 6:05 pm - 6:35 pm

Friday during the Holy Hour
or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Wednesday Holy Hour

with Rosary & Benediction, 6:00pm - 6:40pm
(with Confession during 6:05pm - 6:35pm)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays after Mass

Friday Holy Hour

after 9:00am Mass (with Confession)
First Friday Holy Hour after 9:00am Mass

Rosary

First Saturday of month: prior to 9 am Mass

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Every 4th Monday of the month
After the 7 pm Mass



WEBCAST SUNDAY MASS

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

March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fridays during Lent: **Stations of the Cross, 7pm**

Mar. 21 - Penance Service

7pm: The brief service will be followed by the
opportunity for individual confessions.

Mar. 25 - Palm Sunday

Mar. 28 - Holy Thursday,

9 am: Liturgy of the Hours

7 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Mar. 29 - Good Friday

9 am: Liturgy of the Hours

3 pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7 pm: Stations of the Cross

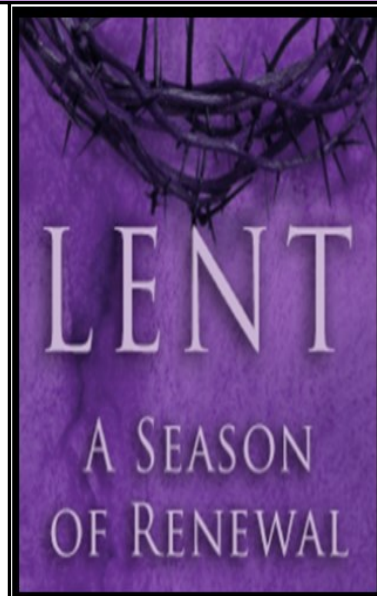
Mar. 30 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

9 am: Liturgy of the Hours

8 pm: Resurrection of the Lord

Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday

9 & 11 am: Resurrection of the Lord



Upcoming in the Parish

Dinner & Movie Night at St. Monica

When: Thu., Mar. 14

Time: **6pm:** Bring your own brown bag dinner, we will gather to
share a meal and get to know our neighbours better.
7pm: Movie & Popcorn

Feature: Risen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcTVLfn5i8g>



Mar. 16 and 17, all Masses: On the weekend of Mar. 16 and 17, retired deacon, Eugene Perabo, will be preaching in our parish on Charitable Giving and Social Justice. Deacon Eugene will introduce **Multifaith Housing Initiatives**, as a representative of the Archdiocese, but no collection will be held for the cause.

Special Collection for Development & Peace: March 16 & 17



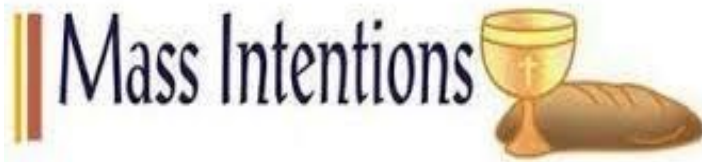
Mon., Mar. 25th: Day of Reparation - Eucharistic Adoration, 9 am - 6:45 pm

Organized by the Cenacle of Divine Mercy in reparation for the sacrileges committed in Catholic Churches around the world. Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule. This is to ensure that there is someone present at all times during this day.

Wed., April 10 & Thursday, April 18th: Legion of Mary: A representative of the Legion of Mary will give a 5 minute talk about this organization after the 7:00 pm Mass. There will be an information session and registration of new members the following week beginning at 6pm on April 18th in the parish hall.

Fri., Apr. 12, 7 - 9 pm, Night of Praise & Worship with Adoration:
Details will be available soon.





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

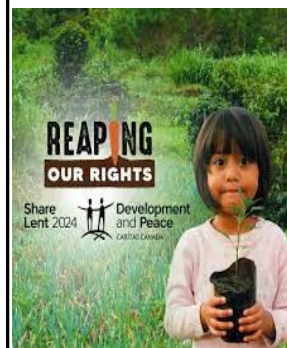
Ida Daly, Fred Tremblay, Rebecca Schroer, Fred Devaux, Maria, Maria Elena Standish, Filomena Micucci, Linus Fontenard, Gerry Baker, Natalie Feldberg, Pam Devaux, Maureen Derrick, Edouardo Vásquez, Jeannette Ranta, Doug Parent, Virgie Mascareñas, Bergson Vieira de Macedo, Laura Lamothe, Craig Campbell, Dan Robert, James Standish, Elaine Anderson, Mary MacNeil, Julian Cusick

***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.

ShareLent - Special Collection"



There will be a special ShareLent collection held on **Sun., Mar. 16/17**, in support of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (DPCC). Your donation supports projects that transforms lives and communities! This year's theme is **Reaping our Rights**. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule.

For information on Development and Peace: <https://www.devop.org/en/>

	Indicates deceased relatives & friends. To arrange a mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221).
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Sat Mar 9	Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Special Intention for V.J. Rivilla
Sun Mar 10	Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	+ Jim Jaffey by Connie Carlotti
11:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving by Mary Lou Oram
7:00 pm	+ Stephanie Lyver by Shawn Lyver & Children
Mon Mar 11	
7:00 pm	+ Rita Mackenzie Markey by the Markey Family
Tue Mar 12	
9:00 am	+ Desiree by a Parishioner
Wed Mar 13	
7:00 pm	Mass
Thu Mar 14	(Coffee Club after Mass)
9:00 am	+ Raniitha Rodrigo by the Cooray Family
Fri Mar 15	
9:00 am	+ Marie Fortin by Manon Fortin
Sat Mar 16	Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Mass
Sun Mar 17	Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	The People of the Parish
11:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Mass



EASTER FLOWERS

To remember a deceased friend or family member in a special way this Easter, please consider donating \$10 - \$20 for flowers to decorate the church at Easter. Please place the donations in an envelope and include your phone number and print the name of the deceased clearly. **Deadline: Sun. Mar 17**

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Parish Pastoral Council

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TBA

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Monica Elementary School

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2000 Merivale Rd.

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St. Andrew Elementary School

613-843-0050

201 Crestway Dr.

Principal: Jennifer Flynn

Frank Ryan Jr. H School

613-224-8833

128 Chesterton Dr.

Principal: Michael Raso

St. Mother Teresa High School

613-823-1663

440 Longfields Dr.

Principal: Wanda Symes

St. Pius X High School

613-225-8105

1481 Fisher Ave.

Principal: Mrs. Alex Belloni

Deacon Ray Reflects

Fourth Sunday of Lent - The Scrutinies

This year we are privileged to have two candidates for acceptance into the Roman Church, one from each parish so it was decided that we would use the prayers and readings for the **Masses of Scrutiny** at all our Sunday masses in both parishes on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. These will lead us right into Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The moment I see the word scrutiny I get negative vibes and I tend to get defensive but it's true meaning is "to see clearly or inspect closely" and that isn't negative or threatening. It's in that introspective search that we see the true self, the pieces of us that need strengthening and healing. There's nothing negative about that. According to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults these three Sundays are a time to uncover all that is weak, defective or sinful in ourselves and to strengthen all that is upright, strong and good, again in ourselves. That's good for all of us, not only the Elect.

Last Sunday we heard the account of Jesus meeting the woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well. In their interaction Jesus awakens faith in this woman, a yearning for that "Living Water". It's in that yearning that we go to prayer more regularly, attend mass more faithfully and we become of those in need.

This Sunday we hear the account of Jesus healing the man born blind. At so many times in our lives isn't that us. We just don't see it. Jesus is referred to as "The Light of the World". Let's go to Him to see what he really wants of us, the growth Jesus wants to bring about in us as we see with new eyes, a different perspective of ourselves and others.

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the Third Scrutiny is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It's a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection. This leads us right into Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Let's move on through all of this together to a Happy and Holy Easter.

Deacon Ray

Reference:

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/the-scrutinies-what-they-are-and-why-they-are-important/>

Fr. Pierre's Comments regarding the Barrhaven Tragedy

On the morning of March 7th, I was horrified to hear about the deaths of six Barrhaven residents. Two of the children, Inuka and Ashwini, were students at Msgr. Paul Baxter Elementary School, one of our feeder schools in St. Andrew Parish. The six innocent victims who were killed are 35 year old Darshani (the mother) and their four children, Inuka (7 years old), Ashwini (4 years old), Rinyana (2 years old) and Kelly (3 months old). Gamini, who was living with the family, was also killed. The father of the children and husband of Darshani, Dhanushka, survived the attack and is recovering at a local hospital.

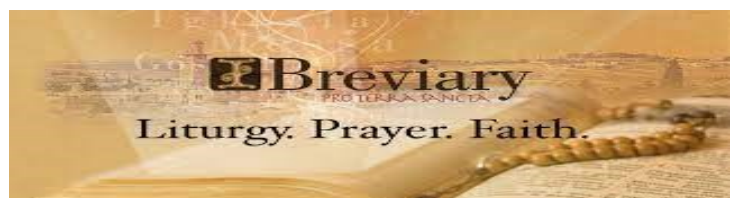
Although the funeral will take place in the Buddhist community, our parish included the names of the deceased and the survivors in our Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of March 10-11. I ask you to pray for the repose of their souls in your personal prayers as well. Fr. Martin and I spent time at Msgr. Paul Baxter School on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

Diocesan News

Come Holy Spirit! Fresh Fire Retreat, Fri., Mar. 15 @ 6:30 pm - Sat. Mar. 16 @ 9pm, St. Maurice Church: Organized by the Servants of the Cross. Experience our new pilot ministry called Fresh Fire! Kingdom dreams are unfolding as we partner with both priests and the laity to demonstrate the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. The Fresh Fire team believes, more than ever, that the simple gospel message needs to reach God's people. Our team has been trained and equipped in activating God's spiritual gifts to build up his kingdom.

Cost: \$20, information: info@servantsofthecross.ca

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, Sun., Apr. 14, 2:30 pm, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica: For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25 and 20 years of marriage. The registration form is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>. Please register **before Easter** to ensure your spot (note the earlier date).



Celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9:00 am
@ St. Monica Church

The Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) "is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer." The clergy make a promise to pray the Divine Office at various hours of each in the name of the Church, but this prayer, comprising the Psalms, Readings from Sacred Scripture and Writings of the Saints, is encouraged to be celebrated with the community of God's people. In light of this, we invite you to join our priests for the celebration of The Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer) during the Triduum.

The prayer can be found in the iBreviary app. It will be projected on the big screen.

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS March 2024

For New Martyrs

Let us pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



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