



Saint Monica Parish

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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

First Friday after 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 3, 2024

The Third 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

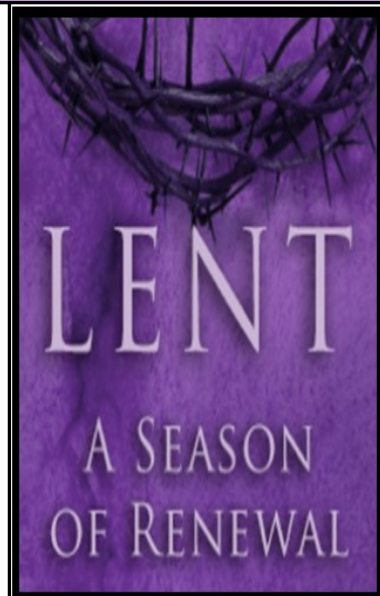
Mar. 30 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

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: Thursday, March 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.

Wednesday, 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.



Mass Intentions



	Indicates deceased relatives & friends. To arrange a mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221). +++++
Sat Mar 2 5:00 pm	Third Sunday of Lent Birthday Blessings for Leandrida Salgados by Aluin Salgados, Lorelie Migrino & Family
Sun Mar 3 9:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Third Sunday of Lent + Deceased Members of the Oram Family by Mary Lou Oram + Elaine Theresa de Freitas by Trevor de Freitas & Family + Thi Ngoc Lan Dang by Hoang Kieu
Mon Mar 4 7:00 pm	St. Casimir + Zena Mariados by Clementine Remedios
Tue Mar 5 9:00 am	Healing of Kevin McCaffery by the Gauthier Family
Wed Mar 6 7:00 pm	Mass
Thu Mar 7 9:00 am	(Coffee Club after Mass) + Claude DeGagné by Laura DeGagné
Fri Mar 8 9:00 am	St. John of God For Safe Travels by Robella
Sat Mar 9 5:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass
Sun Mar 10 9:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent + Jim Jaffey by Connie Carlotti Mass of Thanksgiving by Mary Lou Oram Mass

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/>



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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Social Outreach:

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St. Monica Elementary School

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201 Crestway Dr.

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Frank Ryan Jr. H School

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St. Mother Teresa High School

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440 Longfields Dr.

Principal: Wanda Symes

St. Pius X High School

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1481 Fisher Ave.

Principal: Mrs. Alex Belloni

Deacon Tom's Thoughts

Third Sunday of Lent

As we journey through life we find ourselves yearning for acceptance. For love, someone to see us as we are and still love us unconditionally. This is a desire that transcends the boundaries of age, sex, status and gender.

Yet, we find ourselves dealing with feelings of inadequacy, comparing ourselves to others. There are voices of judgement and criticism that tell we are not good enough, smart enough, not successful enough. What happens? We build fences around ourselves, hiding our vulnerabilities from the scrutiny of others. We think that if others see us as we truly are, we would be seen as unworthy of love and acceptance.

Now let us consider a different reality, a different truth. One couched in the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is a truth in the eyes of Jesus that we are enough. This is a truth that is not dependent upon our lack of unworthiness, our accomplishments, our adherence as to how society sees us but a truth that inherently lies deep inside all of us. We are all children of God who love us unconditionally.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus who helps to break down these barriers of division and exclusion. He reaches out to the Samaritan woman with compassion and grace. Despite the cultural differences that sought to marginalize her, Jesus sees beyond the surface and sees her as someone who is intrinsically worthy. He affirms her as a child of God. One who is worthy of love and acceptance.

Just as Jesus has reached out to the woman with arms wide open, he invites us to lay down those burdens of self-doubt and insecurity. He wants to take off the masks we wear to hide our vulnerabilities and to be open to the light of His love, His compassion, His acceptance of us as we are. He sees us as fully human, fully seen and fully loved. The love of Christ knows no bounds. It rises above our human limitations into the depths of our souls. It affirms our worthiness and we are called to share that same love with others.

If you are in our RCIA program know that you are accepted into our community not for what you should be, but for who you are. A child of God deserving His love and acceptance.

Let us all remember that in the eyes of God there are no outsiders, no unworthy souls. There is only boundless, never-ending unconditional love.

May God Bless you now and always,

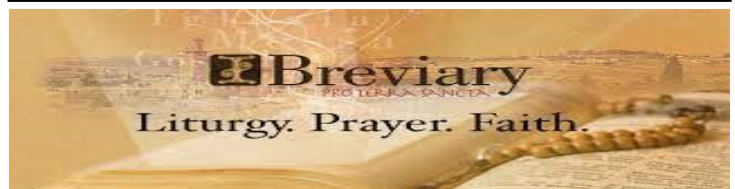
Deacon Tom

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/jpBDLwDOKg>. 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.


Joke of the Week

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!"

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot:

"Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."



The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

John 4:13-14

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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