



# 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 holidays)

Tuesday: 9am

Wednesday: 7pm

Thursday: 9am

Friday: 9am

1st Saturday of the month - 9am

## May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter



### Pilgrimage to Zagreb, Coatia & Medjugorje

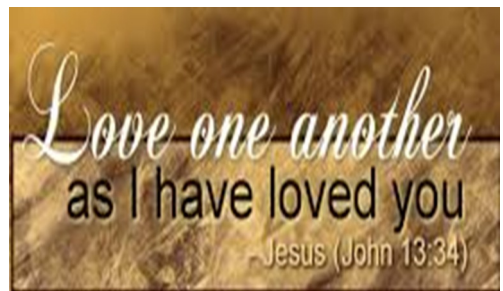
Under the spiritual leadership of  
Fr. Martin Okwudiba.

When: Sept. 27 - Oct. 5

Cost \$4250/person

For more information call:

Joseph Niju Joseph 613-769-9401 or  
email: joseph@travia.ca



## 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

## GARDEN MAINTENANCE



### Volunteering Opportunity: Gardening:

*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.—*  
Genesis 1:31

Are you looking for a new challenge, to spend more time outside this summer? Well the St. Monica gardening team is looking for new members to help. The commitment is only two hours per week until early September! If interested in this ministry, email: [picardh2@gmail.com](mailto:picardh2@gmail.com).

### Requests

Parishioners: if you cannot give your time, you can still help beatify the landscape around our church with donations of flowers (petunias, geraniums, impatiens etc.), black soil and mulch. We are also looking for trellises in good condition. Please drop off any donations near the Our Lady Sanctuary behind the church. Thank you.

## WEBCAST SUNDAY MASS



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

# Mass Intentions



	Indicates deceased relatives & friends. To arrange a mass intention, please call the parish office (613-727-1067 x 221).
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<b>Sat May 17</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
5:00 pm	+ 40th Death Day of Carlota Parungao by the Family
<b>Sun May 18</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Danitsa & Danushka by Jean Daniel & Juliette Chouloute
9:30 am	+ Janet Silva by the Silva Family
11:00 am	+ Repose of the Soul of Imelda T. Chua
7:00 pm	The People of the Parish
<b>Mon May 19</b>	
7:00 pm	Birthday Blessings for our Grandchildren by Wanda & Janusz
<b>Tue May 20</b>	
9:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Harrison Peiris by the Peiris Family
<b>Wed May 21</b>	
7:00 pm	Family Tree healing and for Deceased Members of the Picard & Gauthier Families
<b>Thu May 22</b>	<b>(Coffee Club after Mass)</b>
9:00 am	+ Janet Silva by Frank & Sriyani Silva
<b>Fri May 23</b>	
9:00 am	+ Jean Claude Samedy by Jean Baptiste & Marie Yvana Samedy
<b>Sat May 24</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
5:00 pm	+ Mieko Hashimoto by the Parish
<b>Sun May 25</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
9:30 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	+ Wenceslaus Thangaraja by Moreen

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

Asanga Alles, Pedro Hurtado, Jacques Drury, Josephine Manalo, Josh, Ruth McIntyre, Sylvia Lopez, Norah Shanque, Norma Mousaw, Norman Bégin, Ida Daly, Filomena Micucci, Linus Fontenard, Pam Devaux, Maureen Derrick, Edouardo Vàsquez, 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.

**Joke of the Week**

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

*I will bless your name for ever,  
my King and my God.*

- Psalm 145

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Chair: Dawn Campbell 613-727-1067

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Contact Parish Office 613-727-1067 x 221

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Milva Calla 613-727-1067 x238

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**Social Outreach:**  
TBA

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

**St. Monica Elementary School**  
613- 226-5174  
2000 Merivale Rd.  
Principal: Kristen Charles

**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

## Reflection

**What is a Deacon?** As I approach the 46th anniversary of my ordination as a Permanent Deacon (May 27th, 1979) I am going to try to give you insights into what this ministry is with the hope that there might be someone out there who is curious and will start to look further into it. Deacons are needed in the church.

When I began my formation in September of 1975 until I completed it in June 1979, a few weeks after ordination, a banner hung on the wall of the room in which we gathered for prayer, instruction and teaching that read: "The only edition of the Gospel most people are ever likely to see is You." I've taken that to heart.

Let's take a look at what a Deacon is. There are 2 kinds of deacons, transitory deacons on their way to priesthood and permanent deacons who will live out their lives in service to the church through service to its people. Permanent Deacons must be a minimum of 35 years of age and married at least 10 years or have taken a vow of celibacy at the time of ordination. Most every diocese that welcomes Deacons (Permanent Deacons) has set up a formation program although some use the services of the formation program of a neighbouring Diocese. Officially, Deacons retire at age 75 but with the permission of their Pastors or the Bishop, they can continue to serve the people. The wives of married Deacons study in the formation program along with their husbands and they must give their consent to his ordination.

Deacons go almost as far back as the early days of the Church. In the 6th chapter of The Acts of the Apostles in the Bible men of good reputation were chosen to assist in caring for the people and thereby assist the Apostles, the Bishops, through their works so that the Apostles could spend more time at prayer and in teaching. Stephen was the first person chosen to be a Deacon. He was 1 of 7 who are mentioned in Acts 6:2 - 6. As the church developed, the ministry of the Deacon was used less and less. Under Vatican II that whole ministry as an extension of the Bishop was more strongly emphasized and the ministry was restored to its original importance. This happened in 1972.

Deacons are people who live among you, maybe even work in similar jobs to you and most often have spouses and families. They could be your neighbour. They are people of prayer who live a life of caring for others, their family plus a segment of people in the larger community. In this area there are Permanent Deacons serving in the prisons, nursing homes, visiting the sick and shut-ins, in Catholic Charities and in many other places where they can be of service to the poor, the homeless, the shut-ins and the missions through organizations like Caritas. A permanent deacon was responsible for starting the Daily TV Mass. There is a deacon in Toronto who ministers on the streets with the homeless. Deacons are in cities and towns quietly carrying on services of many kinds in the hours aside from taking care of the work that supports their families, and never forgetting about their families.

Every deacon has a parish base from which he operates and some make that visible by taking on the deacon's role at mass, particularly on weekends and during special celebrations. Deacons are not mini priests but they are a separate ministry that assists the Bishop in supporting the needs of the people.

In conclusion, Deacons are servants of the church to the people and as they do that, they are serving the Bishop of a Diocese/Archdiocese from whom they receive their mandate. By extension, they also serve the priests in whose parishes their ministries are carried out. As Jesus went out to the sick, the infirm, the marginalized in our society, so do Deacons. He, the Deacon, brings the love of God, the love of Jesus with him as he goes.

**Dcn Ray**

## Parish News

### HEALING MASS

**Wed. May 21, 7pm:** This Mass will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, with the opportunity for individual prayers at the end of Mass for those who wish. All are welcome!



You are invited to the **Parish Annual Meeting** in the parish hall on **Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm**. The Finance Council will make its report on 2024 and on future plans. There also will be a report on the pastoral work and plans for the future, as well as the opportunity for questions.

### FAITH IN ACTION YOUTH GROUP

**Next Gathering: Fri. May 23rd**

**Time: 7pm**

Details to follow soon.



### COFFEE SOCIAL

When: **Sun., May 25 after the 11am Mass** (Parish Hall). Please join us after Mass to enjoy some fellowship.

We are seeking people to assist with set up and take down for the event and we are accepting donations of muffins or cookies. Please bring them down to the parish hall before Mass begins. For information call Val (613-301-4689).



### DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

**When: Friday, June 20th.** in the Parish Hall

**Time: 6pm:** Bring your own brown bag dinner

**Feature 7pm:** Prince of Egypt

This event will be co-hosted by Fr. Pierre and the Faith in Action Youth Group

**Trailer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOVh65UrBK4>



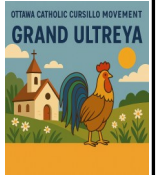
## Diocesan News

**Holy Hour For Vocations, Thurs., May 22, 7pm, Notre Dame Cathedral:** Come and “pray to the Lord of the harvest” for vocations at our next diocesan Holy Hour. We will have an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, praying for an increase of all vocations within the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, and to hear from Fr. Kevin Burgess on the vocation of marriage. A social time will follow in the Café des Tours. Free parking is available in the ‘blue line section’ of the parking lot behind the Cathedral. Information, Fr. Connor at [vocations@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca)



**Heart of Worship Adoration Night, Tue., May 27, 7pm - 8:30pm, Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr.** Short spiritual talk, Praise and Worship Music, silent adoration, confession, food and fellowship. Guest Speaker: Matthew Bisson. Topic: “What Does a Servant’s Heart Look Like?”. Also streaming on YouTube channel: [www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata](http://www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata)

**Ottawa Catholic Cursillo Movement Grand Ultreya, June 5, 7 - 10pm, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave.:** Join us for a beautiful evening filled with Mass, inspiring talks, heartfelt fellowship, and delicious food. This special celebration brings together Cursillistas and friends from across the region to reconnect and renew our shared mission in Christ. For information: 613-722-7661, <https://ottawacursillo.ca/grand-ultreya/>.



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