

ST. VERONICA'S VOICE



There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met!

William Butler Yeats



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Why Catechism Matters: Growing in Faith Together

As families plan for the fall, we encourage you to register your children in our **Children's Faith Education Program**. Catechism is more than a class—it helps children grow in faith, friendship, and their relationship with Jesus. We welcome children **from age 3 and up**, and invite you to share this information with anyone who may be interested.

Our program prepares children for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, both of which require completing the appropriate catechism levels. These sacraments are important milestones, and catechism gives children the foundation they need to understand and celebrate them with joy.

Catechism also enriches family life. Children learn the stories of our faith, the meaning of the Mass, and how to live as disciples. Many parents tell us that what their children learn sparks meaningful conversations at home and deepens their own faith as well.



A Call to Our Youth: Become a Mentor

We also invite teens who have already completed their sacraments to consider becoming youth mentors. Mentors help younger students feel welcomed, supported, and excited about learning their faith. It's a wonderful way to serve the parish, earn volunteer hours, and grow in leadership.

Registration Information

Registration for the 2026-2027 catechism year is now open.

To register your child or to sign up as a youth mentor, **please contact:** Beverly Wiltsie DirectorReligiousEducation@videotron.ca or at (514) 631-6381

Together, let us continue forming young hearts in faith and building a vibrant parish community rooted in Christ.

Listening to Indigenous Voices:

Answering the Call to Truth and Healing



June was Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time when we are invited to learn more about the Indigenous Peoples of this land and to reflect on our shared responsibility for truth, healing, and renewed relationships. As a parish community, this encourages us to listen with open hearts and to take steps toward reconciliation grounded in justice and compassion.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission reminds us that “reconciliation is not about ‘closing a sad chapter of Canada’s past’, but about opening new healing pathways... forged in truth and justice.” This work calls us to awareness of the past, acknowledgement of harm, atonement, and action to change behaviour.

To take part in this journey, we are invited to listen deeply to Indigenous Peoples, allowing their stories and teachings to challenge us, change us, and guide us. Through listening, we begin to address injustices, heal relationships, and help build a more just, post-colonial Canada.

Listening to Indigenous Voices, a program led by **Deacon Gerry**, offers a thoughtful way to engage in this work. The sessions explore Indigenous worldviews, examine the history of colonization, and conclude with conversations about righting relationships, decolonization, and indigenization.

The program will be offered again this fall. To register, contact Deacon Gerry at gerryturpin2@gmail.com. Meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings, with the schedule adjusted around Homecoming weekend.





Many Hands, One Parish



On Sunday, June 14, 2026, we celebrated **Volunteer Appreciation Sunday**. It was a wonderful success despite the rainy weather. Although we expected 160 volunteers, **more than 200 parishioners** joined us to share food, fellowship, and gratitude for the many people who serve our community. What a blessing to witness such generosity in action. **Thank you, Father Ray, for this thoughtful gesture of appreciation.** In his message, Father Ray reminded us that God calls each of us not only to belong to the Church, but to participate in its mission.

Every ministry, every quiet act of kindness, every offering of time or talent is a response to Christ, who *"calls each of us by name."* Our parish is strengthened by people who serve in many different ways:

- through liturgy and music
- through teaching and faith formation
- through welcoming, organizing, visiting the sick, preparing meals, maintaining our spaces
- through outreach, advocacy, and care for the vulnerable
- and through the quiet, powerful ministry of prayer



As Father Ray expressed, ***"Each service matters. Each gift builds up the Body of Christ."***

To all who give of themselves — whether weekly, occasionally, or behind the scenes — thank you. Your generosity makes St. Veronica's a joyful, welcoming, and mission-driven parish. We are blessed by your presence, your gifts, and your love for this community.

Welcome to....

PEWS &
Giggles

A little holy humor to
brighten your day and lift
your spirit!





Prayer Among the Pines: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes

All parishioners and friends are invited to join us for a peaceful pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will carpool from the church parking lot, making this a simple and accessible way to spend a prayerful day together.



The shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is known for its beautiful natural surroundings, quiet walking paths, and prayerful atmosphere. Pilgrims may attend Mass in the chapel or outdoors under the trees, take time for personal reflection, and enjoy the serenity of this sacred place.

Pilgrimages offer us a chance to step away from daily routines, reconnect with God, and deepen our sense of community. Even a short journey like this can renew the spirit and open the heart to grace.

For more information, please contact:

Beate Cloetta – 514-695-5752



We hope you will join us for this meaningful day of prayer, beauty, and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

REMINDER - no masses on Thursday and Friday
during the months of July and August

Mark your calendars!

Join us on **Sunday, September 13, 2026** for our parish
Homecoming Mass & Volunteer Sign-up —
one special celebration at 10:30 a.m. as we gather the whole
community together. After Mass, stay for a joyful BBQ on the
grounds... more details coming soon.

