

# ST. VERONICA'S VOICE



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

William Butler Yeats



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## The Heart of Ministry: A Call to Serve, Grow and Belong

Ministry is one of the quiet engines of parish life. It is the way ordinary people make extraordinary things happen. At its core, ministry is simply service rooted in faith: offering your time, your gifts, and your presence, so that our community can flourish. It's important not only because it strengthens the parish, but because it strengthens you. Serving others deepens your connection to God, builds friendships, and gives you a sense of purpose that lasts long after Sunday Mass.

Every parishioner has something to offer. Some ministries are visible, for example reading at Mass, singing in the choir, altar serving, or welcoming at the doors. Others happen behind the scenes, like preparing meals, visiting the homebound, caring for the grounds, and supporting outreach programs. Each one is a meaningful way to live your faith and help shape the spiritual home we share.

If you're curious about a particular ministry or feel a tug toward getting involved, the parish bulletin is your best starting point. Inside, you'll find the names and contact information for all ministry leaders and coordinators. They're always happy to answer questions, share details, and help you discern where your gifts might be most needed. As we begin a new season together, we invite you to consider where your gifts might shine.

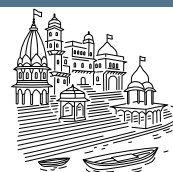


## Homecoming Mass

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... check the bulletin for more details.



# Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France with Fr. Ray



Parishioners are invited to join a deeply enriching pilgrimage through some of the most cherished Marian and spiritual sites in Europe, with Fr. Ray serving as the spiritual leader. This journey, organized through Connaissance Travel, offers an opportunity to pray, explore, and grow in faith while visiting places where countless pilgrims have encountered God's grace.

## Where You'll Be Going

The pilgrimage follows a classic route through three countries rich in Catholic history:

- Portugal – including Lisbon and Fatima, home of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children.
- Spain – featuring Santiago de Compostela, where St. James the Apostle is venerated, and other historic cities tied to saints such as St. Teresa of Ávila and St. Ignatius of Loyola.
- France – featuring a day in Lourdes, host to one of the world's most beloved Marian shrines, known for healing, prayer, and the miraculous spring revealed to St. Bernadette.

## Pilgrimage Dates

The pilgrimage dates are May 23 to June 5, 2027. Please refer directly to the link below to confirm the exact travel schedule.

## Learn More & Register

Full details, including daily itinerary, pricing, inclusions, and registration, are available on the official tour page, [Connaissance Travel Pilgrimage:](https://www.connaissancetravel.com/cttour/PILGRIMAGE%20TO%20PORTUGAL%20SPA%20IN%20AND%20FRANCE%20202705.html)

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If you are discerning a meaningful spiritual experience, this pilgrimage provides a beautiful opportunity to deepen your faith, travel with fellow parishioners, and visit the sacred places that have inspired Christians for generations.





## The Catholic Women's League of Canada: Faith in Action

For more than a century, the Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) has united women across the country in faith, service, and social justice. Guided by its mission *"to call its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service,"* the League empowers women to live their faith actively — in their parishes, communities, and beyond.

Members of the CWL advocate for social justice, support charitable initiatives, and nurture spiritual growth through prayer, fellowship, and education. Whether organizing parish events, assisting those in need, or speaking up for the vulnerable, CWL members embody the Gospel call to serve.

Joining the League means becoming part of a sisterhood rooted in compassion and purpose; a place to share your gifts, deepen your faith, and make a tangible difference.

Here at St. Veronica's Parish, we're blessed with a vibrant and active CWL chapter that meets **every third Tuesday of the month after the 7 p.m. Mass. The first meeting of the season will be held on September 15, 2026** — a wonderful opportunity to connect, pray, and begin another year of meaningful service.

All women of the parish are warmly invited to come and see what the League is all about. Together, we can continue to "empower His mission" and bring faith to life in our community.

Welcome to....

**PEWS &**  
*Giggles*

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



**Don't forget to register your children for the 2026-2027 catechism year!**

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

**St. Veronica's Seniors Club** - We warmly welcome all new members! Our next luncheon will be held at the Sarto Desnoyers Community Center on **Friday, September 4, 2026**. Luncheons take place on the second Friday of each month from September to June — with September as the exception. Each gathering features engaging guest speakers and a collection of food items for Dorval Community Aid. For more details, please see the bulletin.

**CWL Book Sale — Who Loves Books?** - If you love a good read, you won't want to miss the CWL Book Sale happening **October 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and October 25 from 10 to 11 a.m.** *Book donations are being accepted until October 14, 2026.* Contact the parish office to arrange a drop-off. Come discover great finds and support the wonderful work of the Catholic Women's League.



**Love helping others?** Ricochet, a West Island homeless shelter at the former Villa St-Martin site on Gouin Boulevard, is seeking caring volunteers for its Clothing Boutique, a welcoming space where residents can find clothing and footwear with dignity.



In partnership with Catholic Action Montreal, volunteers work in pairs to greet residents, assist with clothing selection, and organize donations. Whether weekly, bi-weekly, or occasionally, your time makes a real difference.

To learn more or sign up, **contact Terrel Joseph** at [tjoseph@catholicaction.ca](mailto:tjoseph@catholicaction.ca) or call/text **514-578-2134**.

Be part of something meaningful—your kindness can change someone's day.