# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

"Joyfully bringing Christ to the world and intentionally bringing the world to Christ."



Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Mon/Wed/Fri: 12:10pm Tue/Thurs: 8:00am Saturday: 10:00am Public Holidays: 10:00am

**Baptisms:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm.

**RCIA:** Please contact the Parish Office.

*Weddings:* Please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the wedding date.

Pastor: Fr. Damian Young-Sam-You Parish Secretary: Eloisa Mandelker

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*Office Hours:* Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mon/Wed/Fri: 11:40am-12 noon Tue: 7:30-7:50am Sat: 9:30-9:50am; 4-4:40pm Private Confession: Contact the Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office. Upon request, Communion can be administered with this sacrament.

**Funerals** Please contact the Parish Office

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.

Catholic Women's League: Please visit cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 416-322-2797(message centre) sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com

*Elementary School* St. Monica Catholic Elementary School Phone: 416-393-5224 Website: www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/

### MASS INTENTIONS

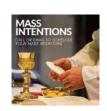
- MONDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 12:10 P.M. +Patrick (Paddy) Sharkey Req. Enide Emond
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of a Parishioner
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. +Ann Breslin Req. Enide Emond
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. Edna Garcia Reg. The Briton House Staff
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>
- 12:10 P.M. +Maria de Gloria Gaertner Req. Karen Bertrand

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M +Dorothy Rose Req. The Catholic Women's League

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If you would like to <u>Offer a</u> <u>Weekday Mass</u>, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



#### <u>RCIA 2023</u>

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation



(Confirmation & receiving Eucharist for the first time). The next batch will start in January 2023.

## (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION



<u>CATECHETICAL CLASS</u> The First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class will take place inperson in the church on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 6:15 pm. For

more information and the schedule of classes, visit <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u>.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on February 3, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church. *All are welcome!* 



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2023

<u>**RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)</u>** Registration is now open for the 2023 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website:</u>



www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org for the online registration form. Registration closes on March 26, 2023.



This is a project for parishioners, by parishioners! We invite everyone to join us in learning more about the lives of Saints. For more information, please visit our parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.





We need <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to serve as *Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,* 

*Lectors, and Garden Volunteers!* If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



#### <u>CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS</u> Sunday, February 12, 2023, 2:30 p.m. Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica

## Registration is open now, but closes on February 3, 2023 or when the capacity limit is reached.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join via livestream Mass https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/. The

broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. For info, and to register, visit <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u>.

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22, 2023

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the



kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997

www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### HEEDING THE CALL OF CHRIST

"Come, follow me." This is the beautiful invitation Jesus extends to His first disciples in the Gospel today. How often do we hear those same words, "come, follow me," in our own lives? The Lord is constantly calling us to follow Him. By reflecting on today's Gospel, we can learn how we, too, can heed the call.

Firstly, it is important to remember that Jesus says to Peter and Andrew, "I will make you fishers of people." Jesus calls them to mission. So too, Jesus calls us to mission as well, the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. The Gospel records that when the disciples were called, they "immediately left their nets and followed him." They saw in Christ all fulfillment and so followed him immediately. We should strive to imitate this eagerness in following Christ, for the Lord does not want us to delay the plans He has in store for us.

Lastly, whenever we feel unworthy of the call of following Christ as stewards, we can take great consolation in the fact that Jesus chose lowly, uneducated fishermen for His first apostles. It is famously said that God does not call the qualified, but qualifies the called. If the Lord calls us to a certain mission, He will sustain us through that mission as well. So let us strive to heed the call of Christ and begin to follow Him, the One in whom all our fulfillment is found.

Summary: Just as He called His apostles, Jesus says to us, "Come, follow me." Jesus calls us to accept the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. Let us imitate the apostles and follow the call of Christ immediately, being resolved to commit to a stewardship way of life for our parishes.

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