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 : 11:40 am-12 noon Tue/Thurs : 7:30-7:50 am Sat: 9:30-9:50 am 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: Meets online until further notice. cwlstmonica@gmail.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, NOVEMBER 8TH 12:10 P.M. +Olga Kozlowski req. Henriette Vysoki

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
- 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of Roy Narciso
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
- 12:10 P.M. +Martin & Gregoria Makabali req. Connie Makabali

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

8:00 A.M. Intentions of the Frederick & Ogiste Families reg. Patricia Frederick

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

12:10 P.M. +Mary Catherine Staples req. Judy Bishop & Annette Cservik

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 10:00 A.M. +Narcisa Narciso req. The Narciso Family

Mass Intentions

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



Ltving with Christ

The daily Mass readings are available through the free *Living with Christ* apps: for iPhone: <u>https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/living-with-christ-</u> <u>canada/id1295879400</u>, for Android: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.</u> <u>groupebayard.livingwithchrist.en.us&hl=en_CA&gl=</u> <u>US</u>. Paper subscriptions are also available at www.novalis.ca.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

During the month of November, the faithfully departed will be remembered at each Mass. Due to the current pandemic restrictions, we are providing several alternatives for you to submit the names of your departed relatives and friends:

1. Submit the names through the online form at our Parish website <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u>.

2. Send a list of the names by email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

3. Prepare a list of the names and place your list in the basket provided in the church foyer *before* Mass starts. This basket will be available before all Masses during the month of November.

4. Drop off your list of names through the mail slot of the Parish Office.

5. Mail your list of names to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1T4.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL PREPARATION CLASS

The *First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place <u>online</u> on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 6:45 pm. For more information and the schedule of classes, please visit our



Parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We invite all children 3 to 7 years old to join us in discovering the Gospel through music, dancing, storytelling, arts and crafts and much more! Please visit <u>www.littleliturgy.ca</u> to access videos and great craft ideas!



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR RCIA 2021-2022

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 and receiving Eucharist for the first time). The next batch starts in January 2022.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

CWL Virtual Rosary and Membership Drive

The CWL will be hosting a Virtual Rosary on Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The CWL is also accepting new members until December 31, 2021. For more information, please visit <u>https://cwlst-monica.mailchimpsites.com/</u>.



<u>Thirty-second Sunday in</u> <u>Ordinary Time - November 7, 2021</u>

How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be

faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is calling you serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

Come & See: Day Retreat, St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Day Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This day retreat offers men a way to discern a call to priesthood, with prayers, Mass, & a special address from Cardinal Collins. Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

<u>November 9th - Feast of the Dedication</u> of Saint John Lateran Basilica in Rome

On November 9th, the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Saviour or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome, this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

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OFFERING OUR ALL

In the Gospel this Sunday, we hear the account of the poor widow's treasury offering. Jesus observes many wealthy people put in large sums of money yet He only praises the lowly widow for her contribution of two small copper coins. He exclaims, "truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had." (Mark 12:43).

We can learn a great lesson in stewardship through the example of this widow who symbolically offered her entire life through her small monetary offering. We too are called to give our entire lives to God. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

Additionally, by giving everything she had, the widow is inherently saying "God I trust that you will take care of me." As stewards, do our sacrifices show that we trust God? To trust God means knowing that even though our time spent in the parish might mean we have less time for work or other commitments, that God will still bless us abundantly. Let us strive to give all we can and trust that God will take care of all our needs, for St. Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Summary

We can learn a great lesson in stewardship from the widow who put in all she had, two small copper coins, into the treasury. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

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