



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

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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/

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
12:10 P.M. Refelina & Joselyn Pastor
req. Erin Carrique

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
8:00 A.M. Karen Correia
req. Theresa Gruber

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
12:10 P.M. +Maria de Gloria Gaertner
req. Adriana Gaertner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
8:00 A.M. +Gladys Maher
req. Norma Tay

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
12:10 P.M. Deceased & Living Members
of the Klaya Family
req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children
req. Masses for Life Project



Archdiocese
of Toronto

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS TAKES PLACE EVERY DAY FROM DECEMBER 13 TO DECEMBER 17 AT ST. MONICA'S

MONDAY, DEC. 13TH	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, DEC. 14TH	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15TH	9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, DEC. 16TH	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
FRIDAY, DEC. 17TH	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

*"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide
You from myself, not myself from You."
-Saint Augustine*

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

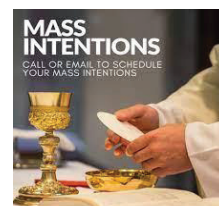
During the month of November, the faithfully departed will be remembered at each Mass. Due to the current pandemic restrictions, we are providing several alternatives for you to submit the names of your departed relatives and friends:

1. Submit the names through the online form at our Parish website www.stmonicatoronto.ca.
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.*

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.



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL PREPARATION CLASS

The *First Reconciliation
Catechetical Preparation Class*
will take place online on Saturday,
December 11, 2021 at 6:45 pm.

For more information and the
schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website:
www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



**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). You are invited to join our next set of ongoing classes, starting in January 2022.



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 www.littleliturgy.ca to access videos and great craft ideas!



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

CWL Virtual Rosary and Membership Drive

The CWL will be hosting a Virtual Rosary on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The CWL is also accepting new members until December 31, 2021. For more information, please visit <https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/>.

"THANK YOU!" from Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



Thanks to the support of our donors, we would like to report that all our neighbours in need in the parish have received a donation or other assistance from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul during the pandemic. We have been working in the background taking calls and mailing donations since the first lockdown. Now that Masses have resumed, we will be placing the donation box outside the church after Masses. If you would like a donation tax receipt, kindly put your donation in an envelope marked 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' with your name & mailing address so we can mail your donation tax receipt to the correct address. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

A NEW SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church. Essentially, Advent is a season of stewardship.

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall, Jesus says to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times when we have failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

Summary

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. This Advent season, let us heed the advice of Jesus to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

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