



# 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.

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**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](mailto:cwlstmonica@gmail.com)

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

416-322-2797(message centre)  
[sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com)

### **Elementary School**

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School  
Phone: 416-393-5224  
Website: [www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Edgardo Dadia  
req. Helen Dadia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Violet Cunningham  
req. Elizabeth Cunningham

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Peaceful Elections in  
the Philippines  
req. Roy Narciso

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Gladys Maher  
req. Norma Tay

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Jack & Eloisa Mandelker  
req. Parishioner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Jacqueline Macri  
req. Elizabeth Leggett



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**ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE ADVENT DAY OF  
CONFESSIONS TAKES PLACE EVERY DAY  
FROM DECEMBER 13 TO DECEMBER 17  
AT SAINT 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*

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



### RCIA 2021-2022 REGISTRATION OPEN

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

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### CWL Rosary, Advent Reflection, & Membership

The CWL will be hosting a Virtual Rosary on Sunday,  
December 12, 2021 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The **CWL Advent**  
**Reflection**, with Father Graham Keep, takes place on  
Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The CWL is  
also accepting new members until December 31, 2021.  
For more information, please visit [https://cwl-st-  
monica.mailchimpsites.com/](https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/)

## **SAINT MONICA'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Dec. 24, 2021**

*Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.; office closed*

### **\*NATIVITY OF THE LORD\***

**Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24, 2021**

*Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.*

**Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021**

*Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

**Sunday, December 26, 2021 - Boxing Day**

*Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

**Holiday Monday, Dec. 27, 2021**

*Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.; office closed*

**Holiday Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021**

*Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.; office closed*

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021**

*Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.*

**Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021**

*Confession 7:30 a.m. & Mass 8 a.m.*

**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021**

*Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.; office closed*

### **\*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD\***

**New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31, 2021**

*Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.*

**New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1, 2022**

*Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

**Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord**

*Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

## **Our Regular Church & Office Schedule Resumes**

**January 3, 2022**

### **2021 Donation Tax Receipts**

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use donation envelopes to please print clearly your name and mailing address on the envelopes that you use during this month of December so that we can update our tax receipt mailing list. Donations received until December 31, 2021 will be included in your tax receipt for 2021. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register online by going to our website [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

## **SEASON FOR EVANGELIZATION**

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.

Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. Saint Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

### **Summary**

In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

*From: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Stewardship Reflections, Year C.*



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