



# 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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### **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/)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Narcisa Narciso  
req. The Narciso Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. José Francisco Espinoza  
req. Francisco Espinoza

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Léon & Juana Bonilla  
req. The Bonilla Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Doris Gregoire  
req. Ian Gregoire

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Maxima Gonzales Florentino  
req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales



### Archdiocesan-Wide Advent Day of Confessions Takes Place Every Week Day 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.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.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

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](http://www.littleliturgy.ca) to access videos and great craft ideas!



### CWL Rosary, Christmas Collection for Birthright, Advent Reflection & 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 asking for *new and gently used baby and maternity clothes for Birthright International*. Baby clothes and diapers for newborns until 2 years old can be dropped off in the collection box in the church foyer until Dec. 14, 2021.

\*The *Virtual 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/>.

### Third Sunday of Advent

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca), [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



## **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.*

**Holiday Monday, January 3, 2022**

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

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

**Resumes January 4, 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!*

## **AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." These are the beautiful words that we hear from Saint Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional "attitude of gratitude." Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that "comparison is the thief of joy." When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

### *Summary*

On this Gaudete Sunday, we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

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



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