

# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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## Epiphany of the Lord

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### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Pablo Narciso, Jr.  
req. The Narciso Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Peaceful Elections in  
the Philippines  
req. Roy Narciso

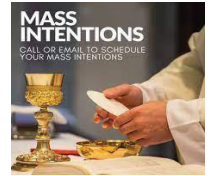
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project

### 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,  
January 22, 2022 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 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 January 2022.



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### CWL Virtual Rosary

The CWL will be hosting a *Virtual Rosary* on  
Saturday, January 1, 2022 from 1 to 1:30 p.m. For  
more information, please visit <https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/>.

### SAINT MONICA'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

*Attendance for all Masses is walk-in only, first-come, first-served. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before Mass.*

**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**

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

*(No 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

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

*Masses 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**



### **Synod on Synodality**

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality).

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

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives.



What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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).

### **Pre-Authorized Giving**

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### **BEING A VISIBLE WITNESS**

As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means "to make manifest" or "to make known." So on this feast day we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth.

The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says that, "we cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!" We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus.

One way we can evangelize others is by simply living as visible Catholic disciples in our world. In today's secular culture, any act of religiosity is seen as a radical witness of our faith. For example, whenever we are eating in public, we can begin with the sign of the cross and our grace before meals. Moreover, St. John Paul II said that we should not be "ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport." Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world.

#### *Summary*

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ, such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying "God bless you" when someone sneezes or we say goodbye.

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

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