

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:

44 Broadway Avenue

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, JANUARY 17TH
12:10 P.M. +Collete Emond
req. Kathy Sharkey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH
8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
req. Amleset & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH
12:10 P.M. +Margaret O'Mahony
req. Margaret McGuinness

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH 8:00 A.M. *MASS*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST 12:10 P.M. *MASS*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND 10:00 A.M. +André Azeez req. Ashanty Singh

MASS INTENTIONS

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



PERPETUAL NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA

Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son Saint Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

(Mention your intentions here.)

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.

Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God. Amen.

(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.

2022 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Registration is now open for the 2022 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website:

<u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u> for the online registration form. The first of six virtual classes is on February 16th at 4 pm.

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).

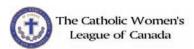
You are invited to join our next set of

ongoing classes starting January 2022.



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!



CWL Virtual Rosary

The CWL will be hosting a *Virtual Rosary* on Friday, February 11, 2022 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/.



Celebration of Marriage - February 12/13, 2022

First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday." This year, Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at the Celebration of Marriage Mass on Sunday, February 13, 2022, 2:30 p.m., St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. In-person attendance is limited - only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries & one (1) guest per couple will be able to register to attend. Registration (now open) closes on Feb. 4, 2022. www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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, visit www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997,

www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.

LESSONS FROM CANA

In the Gospel this Sunday, we hear about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus was with His mother and disciples at a wedding in Cana when the wine had run out. Mary asked Jesus to help and He in turn changed six large jars of water into delicious fine wine. Let us take some time to reflect on this extraordinary event and see how it can influence us in our life of stewardship.

Firstly, we can learn a beautiful lesson about the role of Mary in our lives from this scene. It was our Blessed Mother who noticed that the wine was running out and she was quick to intervene. Mary has a true mother's heart and is very in tune with the needs of all her children. Whenever we are in a time of trial, we should run to Mary and trust that she will console us as a mother consoles her young. Perhaps the next time we experience a moment of difficulty, let us take a moment to stop, and consider the loving embrace of Our Lady and say a Hail Mary.

Additionally, from this episode we can learn a great deal about trust and obedience from the servants whom Jesus instructed. The Gospel says that the servants had "drawn the water" from the jars. The servants saw the cup filled with water, yet they still trusted that something remarkable would happen when they handed the cup to the chief steward. Sometimes, from our perspective nothing remarkable is happening in our good works of stewardship. However, let us strive to trust that God can take our simple acts and bring about great miracles through them.

SUMMARY

We can learn a great deal about stewardship from the account of the Wedding at Cana that we read in the Gospel today. Just as Mary was the first to notice and intervene at the wedding, we can be assured that whenever we run to her in a time of trial, she will readily come to our aid. Secondly, we should seek to imitate the servants who trustingly obeyed Jesus and strive to trust that God can bring about great miracles through our small acts of stewardship.

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

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