

# 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

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### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST - FAMILY DAY 10:00 A.M. MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND 8:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 12:10 P.M. MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. Alfred Tan req. Valerie Tan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> +Porfirio Jacob 10:00 A.M. reg. Eva Jacob

#### **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.

CWL VIRTUAL ROSARY will take place on Friday, March 25, 2022, 7-7:30 p.m. Visit https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/.

## (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL PREPARATION CLASS

The First Reconciliation **Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place *online* on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 6:45 pm. For more information & the schedule



of classes, please visit our Parish website:

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 AT 12:10 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

# 2022 (ROC) RITE OF CONFIRMATION

## **PREPARATION CLASS**

The next ROC Rite of **Confirmation** preparation class will take place online on Wednesday, March 9 at 4 p.m. For more information, please visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

#### RCIA 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 & receiving Eucharist for the first time).





## VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will.

Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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, vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### **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 <a href="www.archtoronto.org/synodality.">www.archtoronto.org/synodality.</a>



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Please note: Applications will not be accepted by email.

#### PRAYING FOR OUR ENEMIES

In the face of today's secular culture, various Christian values may seem far too radical or outdated. Many people, with well-meaning intentions, may think that "being good" is all that matters in this life. However, the Gospel responds with the challenge to be more than good, but rather, to be holy. One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies.

In the time of Jesus, and even to this day, the notion of loving those who wrong us or hurt us seems like an impossible ideal. We often have a hard time loving those whom we should naturally love. How then are we expected to love our enemies? We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them but it begins with small acts of prayer.

We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don't go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. For example, perhaps we can pray one Hail Mary a day for God to bless the family and work life of those whom we find it difficult to love. We can always look to the example of Christ on the cross, who boldly prayed for those who crucified him. Let us strive to be stewards of God's love and mercy.

#### **SUMMARY**

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