

# 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:

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, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. *MASS* 

TUESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 8:00 A.M. *MASS* 

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

12:10 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 6:00 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 8:00 A.M. *MASS* 

FRIDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Peaceful Elections in

the Philipiines req. Roy Narciso

SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Freda McCabe

req. The Catholic Women's

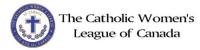
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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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



email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



#### **CWL VIRTUAL ROSARY**

The CWL will be hosting a Virtual Rosary on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, and to find out about joining the Catholic Women's League of Canada, please visit: <a href="https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/">https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/</a>.



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

# (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL PREPARATION CLASS

The First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class will take place <u>online</u> 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.

## 2022 (ROC) RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**PREPARATION CLASS** 

The next *ROC Rite of Confirmation* 

preparation class will



#### **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**

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 <a href="https://www.littleliturgy.ca">www.littleliturgy.ca</a> to access videos and great craft ideas!



#### **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"In the Lord, your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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, <a href="www.vocationstoronto.ca">www.vocationstoronto.ca</a>, <a href="www.vocations@archtoronto.org">www.vocations@archtoronto.org</a>.

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

#### **UNLOCKING THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS**

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday's responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don't first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, "deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God."

Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are.

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives.

<u>Summary:</u> St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for a few things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, the joy of family and friends, and above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love.

\* Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/pastoral-letter/

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