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: 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, MARCH 28TH 12:10 P.M. +Teresita Nixon req. Susan Gonzales

TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH 8:00 A.M. *MASS*

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH 12:10 P.M. +Kevin Quinto req. The Quinto Family
- THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST
- 8:00 A.M. Natasha Nizam & +Angelita delos Reyes req. Maria delos Reyes
- FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST
- 12:10 P.M. Peaceful Elections in the Philippines req. Roy Narciso

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

10:00 A.M. +Socorro Bailey req. The Lagdameo Family

<u>Mass Intentions</u> 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 <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



Virtual Stations of The Cross

Every Friday during Lent, at 7:00 p.m., Saint Monica's



CWL will be hosting the VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE

<u>*CROSS*</u>, in collaboration with Saint Monica's Lectors,

Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, & the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

All parishioners (not just CWL members) are invited to join the Virtual Stations of the Cross. Please visit https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/. (Virtual Rosary Scheduled for March 25th is cancelled.)

Archdiocesan–Wide Lenten Confessions

 MONDAY, APRIL 4TH
 11:40 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

 TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH
 7:30 to 7:50 A.M.

 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH
 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

 FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH
 11:40 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

 SAT., APRIL 9TH
 9:30 to 9:50 A.M. &

 4:00 to 4:40 P.M.
 4:00 to 4:40 P.M.

"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You." -Saint Augustine

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 14, 2022 (There is no 7:30 a.m. Confession & 8 a.m. Mass.) 8:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WASHING OF FEET REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 15TH, 2022

(There is no 11:40 a.m. Confession & 12:10 p.m. Mass.)

3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD LITURGICAL SERVICE EUCHARIST VENERATION OF THE CROSS 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 16TH, 2022

(There is no 10:30 a.m. Confession & 12:10 p.m. Mass.) There is no 4:00 p.m. Confession & 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS

<u>EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17^{тн}, 2022</u> 9:00 А.М. & 11:00 А.М. MASS

<u>EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 18TH, 2022</u> 11:40 A.M. CONFESSION & 12:10 P.M. MASS



Bundle Up Collection

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of April 9 & 10, 2022. A truck

will be parked outside the church to receive gently used clothes and household linens. Please refer to the bulletin board for more details.

MARCH 27, 2022

(FRFE) First Reconciliation Catechetical



Preparation Class The First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class will take place <u>ONLINE</u>, Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 6:45 pm.



<u>Rite of Confirmation</u> (Roc) Preparation Class The next *ROC Rite of Confirmation* preparation class will take place <u>ONLINE</u> on Wed., April 6 at 4 p.m.

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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 <u>www.littleliturgy.ca</u> to access videos & great craft ideas!

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27, 2022



Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as consecrated person? If God is calling

an ordained or a consecrated person? 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, <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>, <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>.

SL ShareLife

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022 is ShareLife Sunday "Vulnerable members of

our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

- Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

APPROACHING THE MERCY OF GOD

This Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.

However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him."

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must've spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs. As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will host a Lenten Day of Reconciliation in which many priests will be available for the sacrament of Confession. Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity for healing and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

SUMMARY This Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son which offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are shown that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father. God longs to forgive us, so let us strive to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent to prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

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