# 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:* 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, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. +Marjorie Adenwalla req. Karen Bertrand

TUESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of Alicia Gillego

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Our parish secretary,
& all the parish secretaries & administrative professionals throughout the Church req. Parishioner

THURSDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Anecita & Florencio Asio req. Gloria Gillego

FRIDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. Tomasz Medon req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 A.M. +Maria Teresa San Martin req. Nuria San Martin

<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>.



## 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.

## CWL GENERAL MEETING & VIRTUAL ROSARY

The next **<u>CWL GENERAL MEETING</u>** will be held

on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the church. All women are invited to attend.



<u>CWL VIRTUAL ROSARY</u> will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 7-7:30 p.m. Please visit https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/.



## RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC) PREPARATION CLASS

The next **ROC Rite of Confirmation** preparation class will take place <u>ONLINE</u> on

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> , 2022 at 4 p.m.



## 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!



## <u>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation</u> of Adults)

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).

#### Second Sunday of Easter - April 24, 2022

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>, <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>.



#### Divine Mercy - April 24, 2022 ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

# SL ShareLife

When you support ShareLife, you support agencies, such as Mary Centre:

"Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite."

## Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

## 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 <u>www.archtoronto.org/synodality.</u>

## **LEARNING FROM DOUBTING THOMAS**

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to all of the disciples when Thomas wasn't present and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas believes exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"

As disciples of Christ, we too may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt with Thomas' doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith.

However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our mind. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we're looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith.

**Summary**: Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

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