



# 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](mailto:cwlstmonica@gmail.com)

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

416-322-2797(message centre)  
[sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com)

### **Elementary School**

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School  
Phone: 416-393-5224  
Website: [www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Peaceful Elections  
 in the Philippines  
 req. Roy Narciso

TUESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Denis McBride  
 req. Kathleen Mullrooney

THURSDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. +Teresa Scully & the Living  
 & Deceased Members of her Family

FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Stasia & Henry Ciapovie  
 req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Mary Frances Tracey  
 req. The Catholic Women's League

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.*

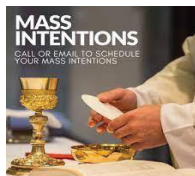


RCIA REGISTRATION OPEN

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 & receiving Eucharist for the first time). Our next set of ongoing classes starts in May 2022.

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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC) PREPARATION CLASS

The next **ROC Rite of Confirmation** preparation class will take place ONLINE 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 [www.littleliturgy.ca](http://www.littleliturgy.ca) to access videos & great craft ideas!



**CWL VIRTUAL ROSARY**

The CWL Virtual Rosary will take place on Friday, May 13, 2022 from 7 pm to 7:30 p.m. *All parishioners are invited.* Visit <https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/>.



**Catholic Education Week**

**May 1-6, 2022**

During Catholic Education Week, we give thanks for the gift

of publicly-funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).

**Third Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022**

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca), [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



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**Living the Gospel by Putting Faith Into Action**



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**Today is ShareLife Sunday.  
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**LEARNING TO TRULY LOVE CHRIST**

In the Gospel this Sunday, we’re called to reflect on the rich and important exchange where Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” Firstly, it is important to note the original translation of this passage. The first time Jesus asks Peter, he uses the word “agape,” which is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love. The same type of love that Jesus has for us. However, in Peter’s response, he uses the word “philia,” which is the love between friends. Although philia is still beautiful, it isn’t raised to the same heights of agape. This same exchange of agape and philia occurs the second time Jesus asks Peter.

However, when Jesus asks the third time, it is He who uses the word philia, asking Peter if he can love Him as a friend. This is why it says Peter felt hurt, because it seemed like Jesus lowered the standard for the type of love Peter was called to. However, the beautiful reality is that Jesus instead understands and meets Peter at the level of love he’s currently comfortable with. Yet Jesus doesn’t desire Peter to remain at that level. He goes on to foretell the kind of death he would one day suffer, signifying that he would one day be able to love Jesus agape.

Jesus does the same in the lives of all of His stewards. He desires all of us to love Him unconditionally, yet He meets us where we currently are and helps us to slowly advance in love. Let us always seek to love Christ and His Church and pray this simple prayer, “Jesus I love you, help me to love you more each day.”

**SUMMARY** When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term “agape,” signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, “philia,” the love of friends. However, by the third time, it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him, philia, which, rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we’re comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the Church.

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



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