



# 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

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### **Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Mon/Wed/Fri: 11:40am-12 noon  
Tue/Thurs: 7:30-7:50am  
Sat: 9:30-9:50am; 4-4:40pm  
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/)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> **LABOUR DAY**

10:00 A.M. Thomas Medon  
Req. Margaret Medon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Teresa Scully & the Living  
& Deceased Members of her Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Frank McDermott  
Req. Brian & Betty Lyn Wall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Antoninette Witjes  
Req. Margaret McGuinness

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Jose "Oying" Bajog, Jr.  
Req. Lucy Rodriguez

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Elio Rancati

**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.*

**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).



We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as ***Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Garden Volunteers!*** If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com)

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR RCIA 2022-2023!**

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 & crafts, and much more! Please Visit [www.littleliturgy.ca](http://www.littleliturgy.ca) to access videos & great craft ideas!



**LIFE CHAIN** is an annual prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the harm of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" & "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us this year at the southeast corner of Yonge & Eglinton on **Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 from 2 to 3 pm.**

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**BUNDLE UP COLLECTION**

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of **October 29-30, 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.



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 4, 2022**

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? 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, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**GIVING THE GIFT OF OURSELVES**

At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live. Surely, he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life itself, right? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." Now, the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward.

Cardinal Collins, in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*\* states that good stewards are "meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received, we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well.

As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are gearing up for a new year, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

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

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



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