



# 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: 11:40am-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 26<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Joan Morrison & +Pat Morrison  
Req. Patrick Morrison

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Jose "Oying" Bajog, Jr.  
Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. The Nevin Family  
Req. Margaret Plonka

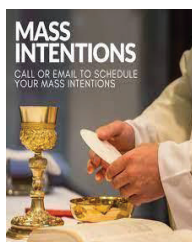
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. Michael Commissiong  
Req. Fay Rodriguez

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Emilia De Guzman  
Req. Margaret McGuinness

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +John Levitt  
Req. Ana Tabaldo

## 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).



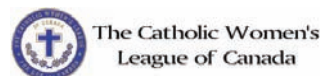
We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as ***Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Garden Volunteers!*** If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



We are pleased to announce that the **First Friday Adoration** will resume on October 7, 2022, from 7 pm to 8 pm.

## **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).



## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**



The Catholic Women's League will be collecting non-perishable goods for The Good Shepherd Ministries. Please drop your donations in the collection boxes in the church foyer from September 17<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board. Thanks for your support.

## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **September 25, 2022**

"But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, 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).





**THE 108<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**  
**SPECIAL MASS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

The theme announced by *His Holiness Pope Francis* for the 108th World Day of Migrants & Refugees is “*Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees.*” In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God’s Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me” (*Mt 25:34-36*).

***On Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, the Archdiocese of Toronto, together with the Syriac Catholic Community, invites you to a special Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph Syriac Catholic Church, Mississauga.***

***Celebrant: Cardinal Thomas Collins.***

***Homilist: Bishop Paulos Nassif.***

<https://www.archtoronto.org/fr/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/office-for-refugees-orat/home/>.



**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 and Eglinton on Sunday, October 2, 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.



**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
**JOINING THE CELESTIAL BATTLE**

All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelation, in which the war between St. Michael & the angels and the devil & his army is depicted. Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society.

This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer “always presupposes effort ... prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God” (CCC 2725).

The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

**SUMMARY:** As we contemplate the celestial battle between the angels and demons, we should ask ourselves, how can we join the fight? A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer, which the catechism describes as a battle. Let us strive to commit to praying daily and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

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





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