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

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, NOVEMBER 7TH

12:10 P.M. +Stefania Pawlicka and +Feliks Palwicki Req. Their Daughter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

12:10 P.M. +Teresita Nixon Req. Susan Gonzales

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

8:00 A.M. Ellen Qin and the Living & Deceased Members of her Family Req. Patrick Morrison

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

12:10 P.M. +Souls in Purgatory Req. Lucy Rodriguez

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of the Roper, Sennik, & Pantelic Families Req. Mila Pantelic

MASS INTENTIONS

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>.





FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on November 4, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church. *All are welcome!*



This is a project for parishioners, by parishioners! We invite everyone to join us in learning more about the lives of Saints. For more information, please visit our parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The First Reconciliation Catechetical



Preparation Class will take place *in-person in the church* on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 6:15 pm. For more

information and the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website:

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



REGISTRATION 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).

For the month of November: <u>REMEMBERING OUR</u> <u>FAITHFULLY DEPARTED</u>

During the month of November, the faithfully departed will be remembered at each Mass. We are providing several alternatives for you to submit the names of your departed relatives and friends:

1. Submit the names through the online form at our website www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

2. Send a list of the names by email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

3. Prepare a list of the names and place your list in the basket provided in the church foyer *before* Mass starts. This basket will be available before all Masses during the month of November.

4. Drop off your list of names through the mail slot of the Parish Office.

5. Mail your list of names to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1T4.

St. Augustine's Seminary - November 18-20, 2022 Come & See Weekend Retreat

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 20 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee</u>. For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

<u>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>November 13, 2022</u>

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. 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>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>, <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>.

LIVING AS HOPEFUL STEWARDS

What does it mean to hope in the Lord? The seven brothers and their mother depicted in the first reading from 2 Maccabees can help us understand what true hope looks like. As all of them are being tortured, one of the brothers boldly declares, "You dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life." In the midst of apparent sheer defeat, they remain steadfast in their hope.

Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope. As we begin to embrace the lens of stewardship and start striving to revitalize our parish communities through the gifts of our time and talents, we could unconsciously expect vast changes to occur over night. This could lead to discouragement as the desired results aren't coming about according to the timeline we had envisioned.

However, we should fight these temptations of discouragement and listen to the exhortation of Saint Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." We must also remember the words of Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* that states: "Stewardship is realistic ... What is important in life takes time." Let us continue to embrace the spirituality of stewardship with full hope that the Lord will greatly bless us and our parish community.

SUMMARY This Sunday we reflect on the strong hope displayed by the seven brothers in 2 Maccabees amidst their persecution. Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope and fighting the temptation to be discouraged when we don't see the desired results of our good works right away. Let us continue to serve God as we heed the advice of Saint Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

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

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