# 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 14<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. For Monica's Intention

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. +Elisa Maher Req. Norma Tay

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. For Monica's Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Mary Lee and the Living and Deceased Members of Her Family Req. Patrick Morrison

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle Req. Amleset & Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 A.M. +Bertha Ricketts



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.



<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>.



#### **REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED**

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 <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u>.

2. Send a list of the names by email to <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.

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.

# (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS The First Reconciliation 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 website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



## 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).



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on December 2, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church. *All are welcome* 



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

The **Catholic Women's League** is inviting all members to attend an important meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm to 3 pm, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of 650 Mt. Pleasant Road, to vote on the future of St. Monica's Parish CWL.

#### <u>The Shepherds' Trust</u> <u>Special Collection</u> November 12 & 13, 2022



The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. This fund is a tangible way to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 9:00 am Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors

 Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral. To register, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org.

Please include **'webinar November 19th' in the subject line** and provide your **name in the body of a message** Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link a couple of days before the webinar.

# **Contemplating Life and Death**

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* asserts that, "the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities."

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life. Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that, "we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need."

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love, and worship God, and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

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\* 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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