



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: 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:

Please visit
cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.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/

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

12:10 P.M. +Ramon Gonzales
Req. Susan Gonzales

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

12:10 P.M. +Narcisa Narciso
Req. The Narciso Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00 A.M. +Lolita Dadia
Req. Helen Dadia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

12:10 P.M. +Léon & Juana Bonilla
Req. The Bonilla Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

10:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

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
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ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

AT ST. MONICA'S, DECEMBER 12TH to 17TH

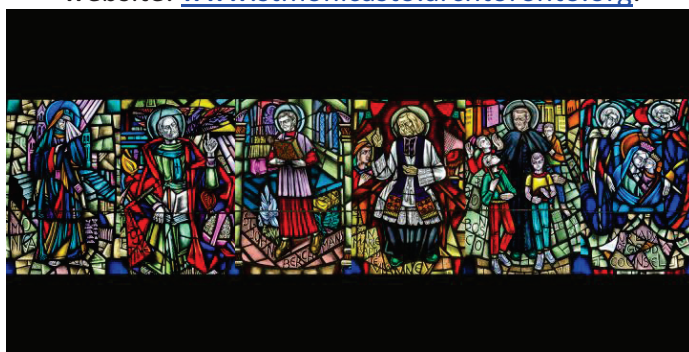
MONDAY, DEC. 12 TH	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, DEC. 13 TH	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14 TH	9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, DEC. 16 TH	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, DEC. 17 TH	9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4.40 P.M.

*In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You
from myself, not myself from You - Saint Augustine*



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, January 28, 2023 at 6:15 pm. For more information and the schedule of classes, please visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on January 6, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church.

All are welcome!



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). The next batch starts in January 2023.

SAINT MONICA'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 23, 2022

Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.

*Confession 4 pm & **Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.***

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022

Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Monday (Boxing Day), Dec. 26, 2022

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m., office closed

Holiday Tuesday (for Christmas), Dec. 27, 2022

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022

Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022

Confession 7:30 a.m. & Mass 8 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 30, 2022

Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31, 2022

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.

*Confession 4 pm & **Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.***

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2023

Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Monday, Jan. 2, 2023

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m., office closed

Our Regular Church & Office Schedule Resumes

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

2022 Donation Tax Receipts

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use donation envelopes to please print clearly your name and mailing address on the envelopes that you use during this month of December so that we can update our tax receipt mailing list. Donations received until December 31, 2022 will be included in your tax receipt for 2022. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register online by going to our website www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

REJOICING AMIDST THE DARKNESS

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away."

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday, let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

Summary: Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

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