

# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

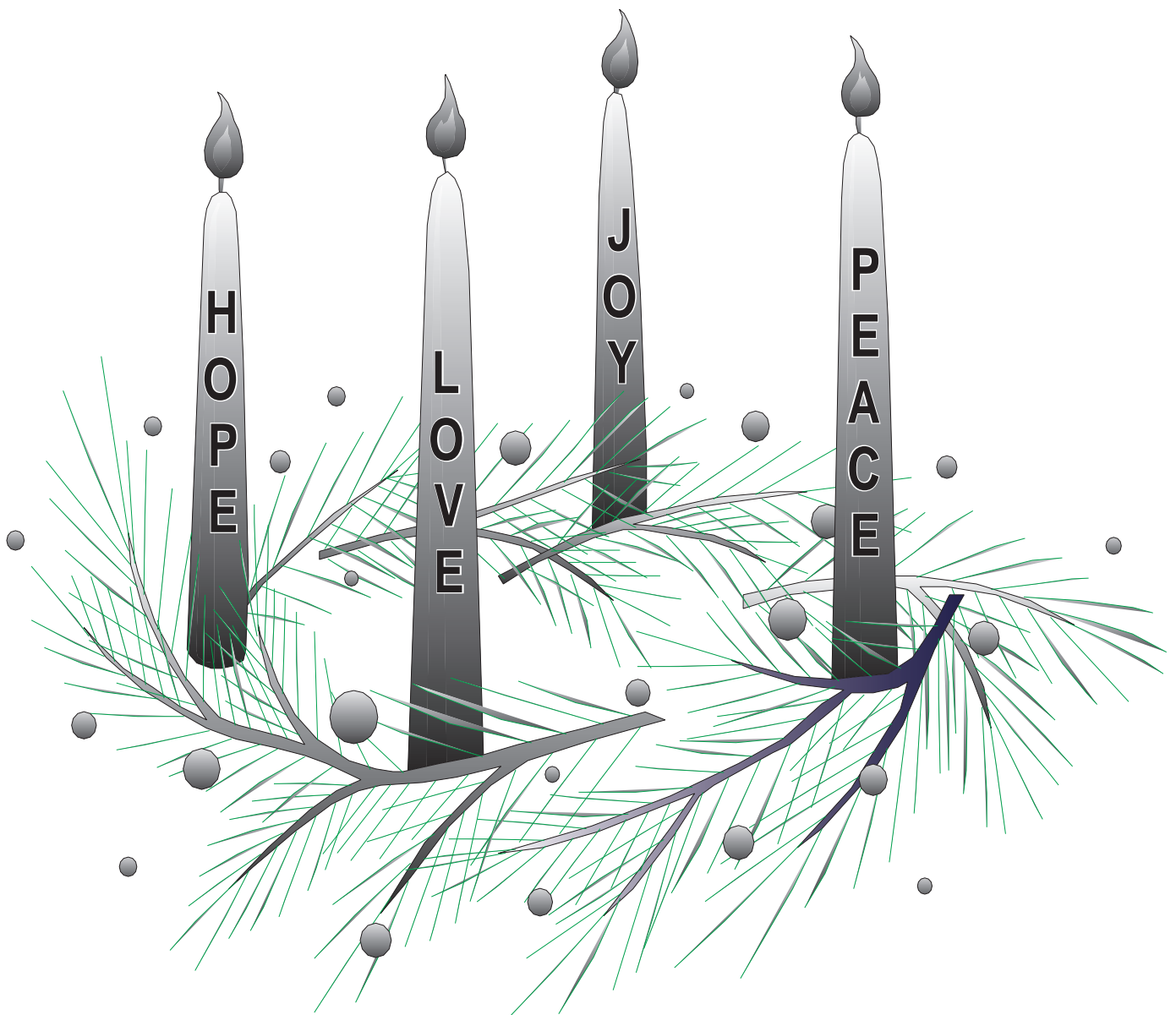
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# ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Maxima Gonzales Florentino  
 Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. Intentions of the  
 Denche & Carrique Families
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Mary Anonsen  
 Req. CWL
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. Intentions of the  
 Denche & Carrique Families
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
 Req. Masses for Life Project
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Raymundo Jayme, Jr.  
 Req. Asuncion Lamont
- 5:00 P.M. \*CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS\***

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).



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 will start in January 2023.



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](http://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](http://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!**

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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, [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca), [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## **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., office closed*

**Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022**

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

**Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022**

*No Confession, 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](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

## **MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS**

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves: if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. Saint Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." Saint Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.

Summary: The great saints of the church speak of an intermediary coming of Christ, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us.

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



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