

St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND
 10:00 A.M. +Sharon Irvine
 Req. The Irvine Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD
 8:00 A.M. +Teresa Scully & the Living and
 Deceased Members of her Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH
 12:10 P.M. +Angela Cushing Kramer
 Req. Connie Cushing

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH
 8:00 A.M. For Monica's Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH
 12:10 P.M. +Ann Breslin
 Req. Patrick Morrison

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH
 10:00 A.M. +Otilia Deb
 Req. The Quadros and
 The D'Souza Families

SAINT MONICA'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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, JANUARY 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

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.



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!

(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

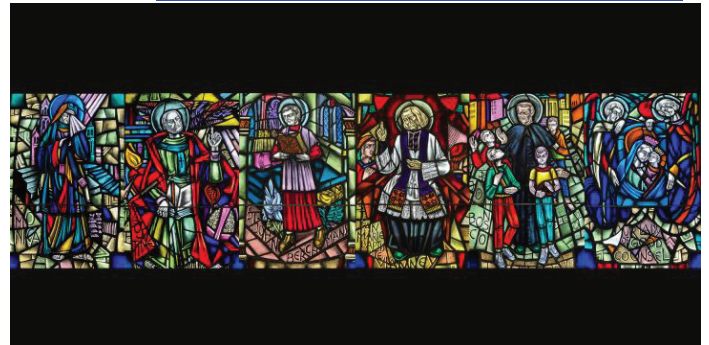
The **First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation**



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.



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.





RCIA 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.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Registration is open now, but closes on February 3, 2023 or when the capacity limit is reached.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. For info, and to register, visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2023

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Homily

The Holy Mother of God teaches us that the first step in giving life to those around us is to cherish it within ourselves. Today's Gospel tells us that Mary "kept all these things in her heart" (cf. Lk 2:19). And goodness comes from the heart. How important it is to keep our hearts pure, to cultivate our interior life and to persevere in our prayer! How important it is to *educate our hearts to care*, to *cherish* the persons and things around us. Everything starts from this: from cherishing others, the world and creation. What good is it to know many persons and things if we fail to cherish them? This year, while we hope for new beginnings, let us not neglect *care*... This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us.

The Gospel tells us that the shepherds "found Mary and Joseph and the child" (v. 16). They did not find miraculous and spectacular signs, but a simple family. Yet there they truly found God, who is grandeur in littleness, strength in tenderness. But how were the shepherds able to find this inconspicuous sign? They were called by an angel. We too would not have found God if we had not been called by grace. We could never have imagined such a God, born of a woman, who revolutionizes history with tender love. Yet by grace we did find Him. And we discovered that His forgiveness brings new birth, His consolation enkindles hope, His presence bestows irrepressible joy. We found Him but we must not lose sight of Him. Indeed, the Lord is never found once and for all: each day He has to be found anew.

What about ourselves? What are we called to find at the beginning of this year? It would be good to *find time for someone*. Time is a treasure that all of us possess, yet we guard it jealously, since we want to use it only for ourselves. Let us ask for the grace to find time for God and for our neighbour – for those who are alone or suffering, for those who need someone to listen and show concern for them. If we can find time to give, we will be amazed and filled with joy.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/papa-francesco_20210101_omelia-madredidio-pace.html



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