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.

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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/

MASS INTENTIONS

- MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH 12:10 P.M. +Ann Breslin Req. Mary Nicholas
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH
- 8:00 A.M. + Ann Breslin Req. Roy Narciso
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH
- 12:10 P.M. +Deceased Members of the Cushing & Mullrooney Families Reg. Colleen Cushing
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH 8:00 A.M. +Mike Howard Reg. Patrick Morrison
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH 12:10 P.M. For Monica's Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

10:00 A.M. Kathleen O'Brien and The Living & Deceased Members of The O'Brien and Morrison Families Req. Patrick Morrison

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 stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



<u>RCIA 2023</u>

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.



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.

2023 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Registration is now open for the 2023 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website:

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org

for the online registration form. Registration closes on March 26, 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.





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, firstserved 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 8, 2023

"On entering the house, they saw the child with

Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks



us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you 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.

MAKING CHRIST MANIFEST TO ALL THE WORLD

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to manifest" or "to make known." This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." The USCCB also says that the "practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

Summary: On this feast day, we celebrate the visit of the foreign Magi which represents all the nations coming to know Christ. Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. We cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must use our Godgiven time and talents to go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, 2002.

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