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: 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 30TH 12:10 P.M. +Kevin Quinto Req. The Quinto Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

- 8:00 A.M. +Ken Kuvusheskie Req. Annette Huot & Paulette Kuvusheskie
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 12:10 P.M. +Dorothy Harrow Req. Judy & Martin Bishop

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

8:00 A.M. Jaime Andres Cordoba-Perez Req. Roberta Blanco-Pador

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children Req. Masses for Life Project

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

10:00 A.M +Viafale Solofa Req. The Catholic Women's League

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 <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



<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). RCIA Group B started on January 31, 2023.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on February 3, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church. *All are welcome!*





ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Masses will be at 12:10 & 6:00 p.m.



The *in-person* <u>Stations of</u> <u>the Cross</u> will be held on Fridays at 6 pm starting February 24th to April 7th (Good Friday). All

parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.

<u>REGISTRATION OPEN FOR</u> 2023 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)



Registration is 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.



We need <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to serve the Parish through our different ministries! If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



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





<u>CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS</u> Sunday, February 12, 2023, 2:30 p.m. Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica

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

<u>https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/</u>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. For info, and to register, visit <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u>.

THE LIGHT OF STEWARDSHIP

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, "from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us." She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn't be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus says "let vour light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matt 5:16). Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve."

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we're on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God's transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 5, 2023

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church

vocation, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997 <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>, <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>.



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