

# 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, FEBRUARY 13<sup>™</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Julianna O'Brien

Req. Margaret McGuinness

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Parishioner

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of

Nathaniel Palattao

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:00 A.M. +Rosa Burdman

Req. Angela Cotrera

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Paul Kou

Req. Gwen Kou

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

10:00 A.M +Abrehet Bahta Tekle

Req. Amleset & Family

# **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.



# **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).



# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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

The *in-person* <u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> will be held every Friday *in the church* at

6 pm, starting February 24th and concluding on April 7<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday). All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on March 3, 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 inperson in the church on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 6:15 pm. For

more information and the schedule of classes, visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2023 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Registration is now open for the 2023 Rite of Confirmation

(ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website:



<u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u> for the online registration form. Registration will close 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**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Sun., Feb. 12, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

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. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join via <a href="https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/">https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/</a>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. For info, and to register, visit <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage">www.archtoronto.org/marriage</a>.

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#### **GOING THE EXTRA MILE**

In today's Gospel, we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

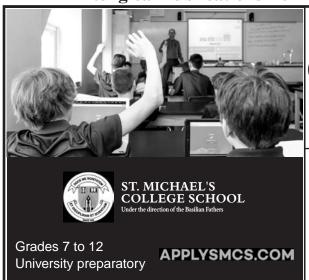
This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, "as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in the Cardinal's exhortation is "increase."

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Summary: In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible.

\* Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. Available at: https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx

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



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