



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

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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/

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

12:10 P.M. +Marjorie Robinson
Req. Erin Carrique

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:00 A.M. +Jane Edwards
Req. Erin Carrique

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

12:10 P.M. +Roger Hachey
Req. Margaret McGuinness

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

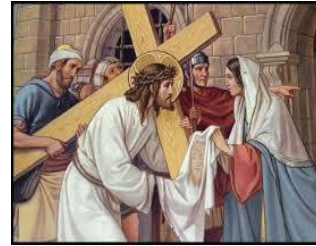
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
The Simbol Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

12:10 P.M. +Roger Hachey
Req. Martin & Judy Bishop

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

10:00 A.M. +Wilhelm Gruber
Req. Theresa Gruber



The ***in-person*** **STATIONS of THE CROSS** will be held every Friday ***in the church*** at 6:00 p.m., starting February 24th and concluding on April 7th (Good Friday). ***All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.***

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration takes place on March 3, 2023 from 7 pm to 8 pm in the church. ***All are welcome!***



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 EUCHARIST CLASS

The ***First Eucharist Preparation Class*** will take place ***in-person in the church*** on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 6:15 pm. For more information and the schedule of classes, visit www.stmonicastoronto.org.

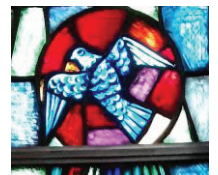


RCIA 2023

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).

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2023 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Registration is open for the 2023 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our website: www.stmonicastoronto.org for the online registration form. Registration closes 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.



We need ***VOLUNTEERS*** to serve as ***Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Garden Volunteers!*** If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as 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.



**POPE FRANCIS' REFLECTION
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

In this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel introduces us to the journey toward Easter, revealing Jesus as he remains in the desert for 40 days, subjected to the temptations of the devil (cf. Mt 4:1-11). This episode takes place at a precise moment in Jesus' life: immediately after his Baptism in the River Jordan and prior to his public ministry. He has just received the solemn investiture: the Spirit of God has descended upon him, the heavenly Father has declared him "my beloved Son" (Mt 3:17). Jesus is now ready to begin his mission; and as this mission has a declared enemy, namely, Satan, He confronts him straight away, "up close". The devil plays precisely on the title "Son of God" in order to deter Jesus from the fulfillment of his mission. "If you are the Son of God" (4:3, 6); and proposes that He perform miraculous acts — to be a "magician" — such as transforming stones into bread so as to satiate his hunger, and throwing himself down from the temple wall so as to be saved by the angels. These two temptations are followed by the third: to worship him, the devil, so as to have dominion over the world (cf. v. 9).

Through this three-fold temptation, Satan wants to divert Jesus from the way of obedience and humiliation — because he knows that in this way, on this path, evil will be conquered — and to lead Him down the false shortcut to success and glory. But the devil's poisonous arrows are "blocked" by Jesus with the shield of God's Word (vv. 4, 10), which expresses the will of the Father. Jesus does not speak a word of his own: He responds only with the Word of God. Thus the Son, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, comes out of the desert victorious.

Indeed, if we had God's Word always in our heart, no temptation could separate us from God, and no obstacle could divert us from the path of good. We would know how to defeat the daily temptations of the evil that is within us and outside us; we would be more capable of living a life renewed according to the Spirit, welcoming and loving our brothers and sisters, especially the weakest and neediest, and also our enemies.

<https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/pope-francis-on-the-temptations-of-jesus-in-the-desert-mt-41-11/>



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