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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

- MONDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Intentions of Patrick Morrison
- TUESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Teresa Scully & the Living & Deceased Members of her Family
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Elias Sequeira  
Req. Delias Sequeira
- THURSDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Kevin Quinto  
Req. The Quinto Family
- FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Hildegard Gorecka  
Req. Her Daughter
- SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project

### MASS INTENTIONS

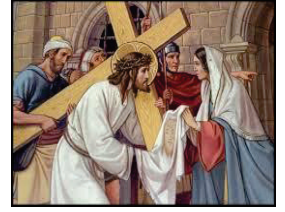
If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



### ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS AT SAINT MONICA'S, MARCH 20 to MARCH 25, 2023

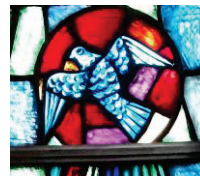
MONDAY, MARCH 20	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 21	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22	9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, MARCH 24	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MARCH 25	9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4.40 P.M.

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 7<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday). **All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.**



### FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

The *First Eucharist Preparation Class* will take place *in-person in the church* on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 6:15 pm. For more information and the schedule of classes, visit [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



### 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.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org) for the online registration form. Registration closes March 26, 2023. The first of six virtual classes takes place **online** on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 4 pm sharp.

### BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

#### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of April 1 & 2, 2023. A truck will be parked outside the church to receive gently used clothes and household linens. Please refer to the bulletin board for more details.



### Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2022

Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife. Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary. **Next week is ShareLife Sunday.** May we

emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope,

online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

(There is no 7:30 a.m. Confession & 8 a.m. Mass.)

**8:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WASHING OF FEET

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### **GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

(There is no 11:40 a.m. Confession & 12:10 p.m. Mass.)

**3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD**

LITURGICAL SERVICE

EUCCHARIST

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

**6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

(There is no 9:30 a.m. Confession & 10 a.m. Mass.)

(There is no 4:00 p.m. Confession & 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS**

### **EASTER SUNDAY of the**

### **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. MASS**

### **EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**11:40 A.M. CONFESSION & 12:10 P.M. MASS**

(The Parish Office will close Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 4 p.m. & will reopen on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.)



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of Toronto

## **INSTALLATION & MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO**

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live) and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: [www.slmedia.org](http://www.slmedia.org). ***Saint Monica's Parishioners are invited to attend the Central Regional Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis (Frank) Leo taking place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Blessed Trinity Parish, 7 p.m. A reception will follow in their parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.***

## **ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT**

**RETREAT: Friday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. to  
Sunday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m., 2023**

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. There will be a special address from **His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins**. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more info, please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



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The Journey through Lent video series is again available on the website of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

(<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/>).

## **TRUE RECOVERY OF SIGHT**

In today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards, we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

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