



# 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](http://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com).

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

416-322-2797 (message centre)  
[sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com)

### **Elementary School**

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School  
Phone: 416-393-5224  
Website: [www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

## PALM SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Roger Hachey  
Req. Michael & Ann Yorke

TUESDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Teresa Scully & the Living &  
Deceased Members of her Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Desmond Fitzsimons  
Req. Brian & Betty Lyn Wall

THURSDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

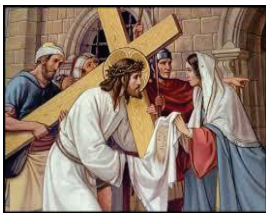
3:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
(Day of fasting and abstinence)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS

### 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).



The next *in-person* **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held *in the church* at 6:00 p.m., on March 31 and April 7, 2023 (Good Friday). **All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.** (Please note that on April 7<sup>th</sup>, there is no First Friday Adoration.)

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 6, 2023

(There is no 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.  
The Parish Office is closed.)

3:00 P.M. **PASSION OF THE LORD**  
LITURGICAL SERVICE  
EUCHARIST

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

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

*There is no First Friday Adoration.*

#### 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 is closed.)

Regular Mass & Office Schedule Resumes Tues., April 11, 2023.

#### Pontifical Collection, Good Friday

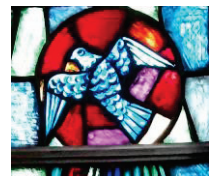
#### April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the Benefit of the Holy Land

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers parishioners the opportunity to be witnesses of peace and help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christian communities in the Holy Land.

#### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

#### (ROC) 2023

Our ROC classes are starting this week! The first of six virtual classes takes place **online** on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at **4:00 p.m. sharp**. For more information & the schedule of classes, visit [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).





**CENTRAL REGIONAL MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO**

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.

**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.



**ShareLife**

**Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023**  
***Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings.***

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

***Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.***

**Passion (Palm) Sunday - April 2, 2023**

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca),  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**THROUGH THE EYES OF A DONKEY**

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

Summary: The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

*From: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Steward Reflections, Year A*



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