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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 24TH

- 12:10 P.M. +Elaine Morgan Req. Lisa & Paul Racioppa
- TUESDAY, APRIL 25^{TH} 8:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH

12:10 P.M. For our parish secretary & all the parish secretaries & administrative professionals throughout the Church Req. Saint Monica's Parishioner

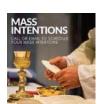
THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH 8:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH 12:10 P.M. Richard Jeffers Req. Fay Rodriguez

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH 10:00 A.M. *MASS*

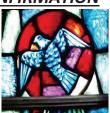
MASS INTENTIONS

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>.



(ROC) 2023 RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The next ROC virtual class takes place <u>online</u> on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm sharp. For more information & the



schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website: <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u>.

<u>FIRST FRIDAY</u> ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will take place on May 5, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church. For more information, please visit our parish website



www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. All parishioners are welcome!

<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).





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 <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to serve as *Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Choir members and*

Garden Volunteers! If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



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Third Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2023

SL ShareLife

Our second ShareLife Collection will be next week on Sunday, April 30, 2023. We ask for your

kind generosity and support once again. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.

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Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in His presence? How are you being called - 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. <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>, vocations@archtoronto.org.

SHARING OUR BURNING HEARTS

In today's Gospel, we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming "Were not our hearts burning within us?" So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning?

The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass, we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ, we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately.

This Easter season, let us decide to renew our commitment to our parish by joining various ministries to help the good news of the resurrection be proclaimed. The Church needs us to be sharers of God's gifts. Saint Peter in his first letter says, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel?

Summary: Just like the disciples from the Gospel, our hearts should burn within us from the presence and love of God that we experience in Mass. The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. Likewise, after being strengthened at Mass, we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent.

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