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, MAY 1ST
- 12:10 P.M. +Paul Medon Req. Margaret Medon
- TUESDAY, MAY 2ND
- 8:00 A.M. +Laverne LeMoire Req. Mary Leahy & Family
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD
- 12:10 P.M. Intentions of The Corpuz Family Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

8:00 A.M. +Carolina Pacheco Pereyra Req. Rosario Astuvilca-Rojas

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

12:10 P.M. Deceased & Living Members of the Zmuda Family Reg. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

10:00 A.M. +Agnes Brigid Daniels Req. Theresa Gruber

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>.



2023 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

The next ROC virtual class takes place <u>online</u> on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm sharp. **CONFIRMATION MASS** will



take place in the Church on

Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the 5 p.m. Mass. Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

<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: <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u>.





St. Monica School was constructed in response to a petition in 1916 from parishioners of St. Monica's Parish.

Catholic Education Week is from April 30 to May 5, 2023. For more information, go to https://www.tcdsb.org/o/nurturingourcatholi ccommunity/page/catholic-education-week

SL ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday & World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. *Thank you for supporting ShareLife!*

Fourth Sunday of Easter & World Day of Prayer for Vocations



The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life,

especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.



We need <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to serve in our different

ministries! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or at <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.

IMITATING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures." These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.

As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that, "stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations." Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary: Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

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

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