



# 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](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/)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Margaret & John Fitzpatrick  
Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

TUESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of  
The D'Souza Family  
Req. Patricia Roche

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Deceased Members of  
The Cunningham Family  
Req. Elizabeth Cunningham

THURSDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving for Our Pastor,  
Father Damian, on his  
vocation anniversary week  
Req. St. Monica's Parishioner

FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
Mitzi Lagdameo

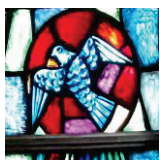
SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. The Rodriguez, Commissiong,  
Joseph & Colbi Families  
Req. Fay Rodriguez

### 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).



### 2023 Rite of Confirmation (ROC)



The next ROC virtual class takes  
place online on Wednesday, May  
10, 2023 at 4:00 pm sharp.

CONFIRMATION MASS will be 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.



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on  
May 5, 2023 from 7:00 to  
8:00 p.m. in the Church. **All  
parishioners are welcome!**

We need VOLUNTEERS 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  
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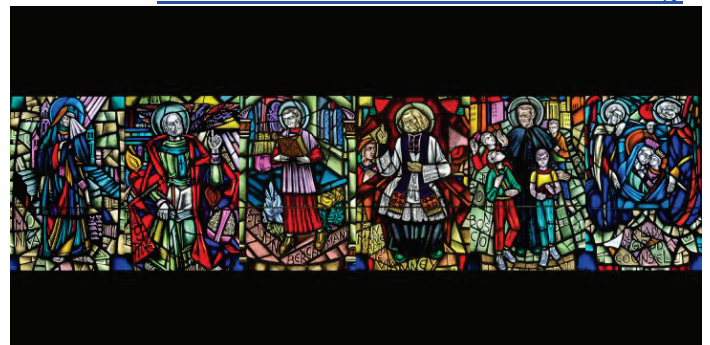


### RCIA 2023

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).



This is a project for parishioners, by  
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For more information, please visit our parish  
website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).





### **Are You Able To Host A Ukrainian Family?**

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023**

#### ***Living the Gospel through ShareLife***

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The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings

and give generously through the parish or at [sharelife.org](https://sharelife.org). Thank you for living the Gospel!

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023**

“The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these...” Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

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



## **EXERCISING OUR PRIESTLY CALL**

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of Saint Peter that we find in the second reading today. Saint Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.”

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

\* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, 2002.

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





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