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/

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 15TH

12:10 P.M. +Leo Quadros Req. The Quadros & D'Souza Families

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

8:00 A.M. +Maria Delgado & Corrine Delgado Req. Patricia Roche

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

12:10 P.M. +Ana Perez Kalaw Req. The Kalaw Family

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle Req. Amleset & Family

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of Roy Narciso

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

10:00 A.M. +John Grant Req. Roy Narciso

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 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm sharp. <u>CONFIRMATION MASS</u> 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.



FIRST FRIDAY

<u>ADORATION</u> will take place on June 2, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church. *All are welcome!*

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>.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.





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) and register for a virtual information session.

<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023</u> Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon. "If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where

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we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!" Please give at the parish using

a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your support!

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The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u> <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>.



STRENGTHENING OUR STEWARDSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we approach the end of the Easter season, our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading, we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that, "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).

So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

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