



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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

416-322-2797 (message centre)
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Elementary School

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School
Phone: 416-393-5224
Website: www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
 of Anna

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

8:00 A.M. +Margaret Fitzpatrick
 Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

12:10 P.M. +Christine Fisher
 Req. Josie Fisher

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH

8:00 A.M. +Rosalie Corpuz and
 +Renato Corpuz
 Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

12:10 P.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
 Req. Amleset & Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

10:00 A.M. +David Corazza
 Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

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.*



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on September 1, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

All parishioners are welcome!

St. Monica's Feast Day

August 27, 2023

Celebrate 117 years with us!



- Pray our **Novena to St. Monica** during Mass from August 18 to 26, 2023.
- Participate in our **parish community picture-taking** after the 5 pm Mass on Aug. 26th, and the 9 am & 11 am Masses on Aug. 27th. ***Wear a plain blue shirt - any shade of blue will do!***

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA

Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son Saint Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

(Mention your intentions here.)

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.

Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God. Amen.



The first baptism recorded in our parish register was held on March 3, 1907?

To learn more about our baptismal preparation process, go to: <https://stmonicastoronto.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/baptism/>



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).

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed. Mass will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto. Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun. *In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's Parish.*



Archdiocese of Toronto - Office of Catholic Youth RENEW TORONTO, a conference for young adults, ages 19-39, will take place on Sat. Nov. 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College in Whitby, Ontario. The conference includes workshops, Confession, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & more. Early-bird registration opens on August 14th until September 29th, & regular price registration closes on October 13th. For more information please visit: www.renewtoronto.org or email: youngadult@ocytoronto.org.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." We can sometimes be afraid of God's call to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Get hold of yourselves! If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.

Pope Francis' Reflection:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 14:22-33)

This Gospel narrative is an invitation to abandon ourselves trustingly to God in every moment of our life, especially in the moment of trial and turmoil. When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, in life's difficult moments where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter: "Lord, save me" (v. 30).

To knock on God's heart, on Jesus's heart. "Lord, save me." It is a beautiful prayer! We can repeat it many times. "Lord, save me." And Jesus's gesture, who immediately reaches out His hand and grasps that of His friend, should be contemplated at length: this is Jesus. Jesus does this. Jesus is the Father's hand who never abandons us, the strong and faithful hand of the Father, who always and only wants what is good for us. Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm.

Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also, to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments, He is well aware that our faith is weak – all of us are people of little faith, all of us, myself included, everyone – and that our faith is weak our journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces. But He is the Risen One! Let's not forget this: He is the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek Him, He is present beside us lifting us back up after our falls, He helps us grow in faith. Maybe in the dark, we cry out: "Lord, Lord!" thinking He is far away. And He says, "I am here." Ah, He was with me! That is the Lord.

The boat at the mercy of the storm is the image of the Church, which in every age encounters headwinds, very harsh trials at times: we recall certain long and ferocious persecutions of the last century and even today in certain places. In situations like that, she may be tempted to think that God has abandoned her. But in reality it is precisely in those moments that the witness of faith, the witness of love, the witness of hope shines the most.

<https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/pope-francis-reflection-on-the-19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a-jesus-walks-on-the-water/>



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