

## 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, SEPTEMBER 4TH LABOUR DAY

10:00 A.M. +Rodolfo Torres

Req. Rosalina Parale

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. +Susana Jacob

Req. Eva Jacob

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Darin & Lijé Bartholomew

Req. Maria Le Hunte

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Deceased & Living Members of

the Strozik Family Reg. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Elio Rancati

Req. Cheryl

### **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>.



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!** 

## 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.

### Registration Now Open for 2023-2024 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).

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as **Ministers to the** 



Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Choir Members and Garden Volunteers!

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at (416) 483-1513 or <a href="mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com">stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</a>.

# ST. MICHAEL & CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM UPON THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO Friday, September 29, 2023

5:30 pm, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovi will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and

## Bundle Up Collection Society Of Saint Vincent De Paul



archbishop!

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A truck will be parked outside the

church to receive gently used clothes and household linens. Please refer to the bulletin board for more details.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 3, 2023

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

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

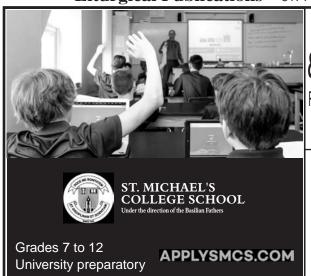
## Excerpt from Pope Francis' Angelus Matthew 16:21-27

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 16:21-27) is the continuation of last Sunday's, which highlighted the profession of faith of Peter, the "rock" upon which Jesus wishes to build his Church. The Teacher turns to all those who were following Him, clearly presenting them the path to follow: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (v. 24). Always, today too, the temptation is that of wanting to follow a Christ without the cross, on the contrary, of teaching God which is the right path; like Peter: "No, no Lord! This shall never happen". But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love, and that there is no true love without self sacrifice. We are called to not let ourselves be absorbed by the vision of this world, but to be ever more aware of the need and of the effort for we Christians to walk against the current and uphill.

Jesus completes his proposal with words that express a great and ever valid wisdom, because they challenge the egocentric mentality and behaviour. He exhorts: "whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (v. 25). This paradox contains the golden rule that God inscribed in the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life. To spend one's own talents, one's energy and one's time only to save, protect and fulfil oneself, in reality leads to losing oneself, i.e. to a sad and barren existence. Instead let us live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did: we will be able to savour authentic joy, and our life will not be barren; it will be fruitful.

In the Eucharistic celebration we relive the mystery of the Cross; we not only remember, but we commemorate the redeeming Sacrifice in which the Son of God completely loses Himself so as to be received anew by the Father and thus find us again, we who were lost, together with all creatures. Each time we take part in the Holy Mass, the love of the crucified and Risen Christ is conveyed to us as food and drink, so that we may follow Him on the daily path, in concrete service to our brothers and sisters.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco\_angelus\_20170903.html



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