

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 11TH

12:10 P.M. +Leonard & Ethel Kobus

Reg. Kevin & Susan Kobus

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 8:00 A.M. +Chris Tabaczuk

Req. Paul & Lisa Racioppa

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

12:10 P.M. +Maria da Conceição Sardinha

Reg. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:00 A.M. +Teresita Manongdo

Reg. Milagros Manongdo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

10:00 A.M. +Fe Sureta-Blackett

Reg. Mitzi Lagdameo

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 October 6th, 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 RCIA 2023-2024 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, **Choir Members and Garden** Volunteers! If you are

interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513 or by email at stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

ST. MICHAEL & CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM UPON THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO

Friday, September 29, 2023 5:30 pm, Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the worldrenowned Saint Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovic 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 Saint Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtuard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our Archdiocese and Archbishop!

Bundle Up Collection Society of Saint Vincent De Paul

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of October 7th & 8th, 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 10, 2023

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life; contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

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

REFLECTION on SAINT PAUL'S THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE

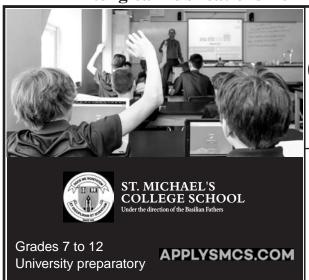
In today's second reading from Romans, Saint Paul speaks about the importance of love. He boldly proclaims that we should "owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Let us take some time today to reflect on how we can live out this exhortation as stewards of Christ.

Before we can proceed, we must understand what love is and what it is not. Firstly, love is not a feeling but rather a choice that we must make each and every day. The classical definition of love is willing the good of the other. So in order to love, we must not look towards our own needs but to the needs of others. It is essentially a lens of stewardship that seeks to use our own gifts to serve our neighbour.

However, in order to express our love we must move past merely willing the good to actually doing the good for others. Saint Gregory the Great says that, "the proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist." So in order to love, we must concretely choose to perform loving acts that will the good of the other. Let us reflect on how we can practice this within our parish community.

Summary: Saint Paul boldly proclaims that we must "owe no one anything, except to love one another." To truly love is to act as an authentic steward and will the good of the other. However, we must move from merely willing the good to actually doing the good for Saint Gregory the Great says that the "proof of love is in the works."

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



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