

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 18TH

12:10 P.M. +Juliana Fabunan Gonzales

Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle

Req. Amleset & Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:00 A.M. +C

+Chris Tabaczuk

Req. Lisa & Paul Racioppa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

12:10 P.M. +Hermano Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

10:00 A.M. Janet Rodriguez

Req. Fay Rodriguez

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 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!*

<u>Registration Now Open for RCIA 2023-2024</u> 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).



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Catholic Women's League will be collecting non-perishable goods for The Good Shepherd Ministries. Please drop your donations in the

collection boxes in the church foyer from September 17th to October 1st, 2023. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board. Thanks for your support.



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.

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



the Sick & Homebound,
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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

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 the 5:30 pm Mass at Saint Michael's Cathedral. 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. Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from St. Michael's Choir School. Seating will be first come, first seated. There will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the atrium following the Mass. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our Archdiocese and Archbishop!

Combating hunger through your compassion

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 17, 2023

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca;

vocations@archtoronto.org.

FORGIVING AND BEING FORGIVEN

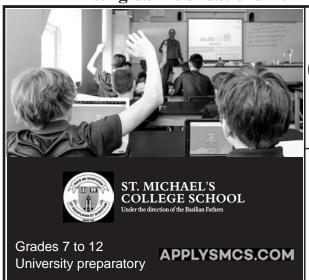
The central mystery woven throughout the readings this Sunday is the need to forgive others. In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the wicked servant who although he was greatly forgiven of his large debt could not forgive the small debt of his fellow servant. This parable can be summarized by the words found in the Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The Catechism teaches us that unless we forgive those in our lives, we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It says that "in refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace" (CCC 2840)

So as stewards we should strive to forgive those who have hurt us, but how do we do this? The essential answer is prayer. The Catechism plainly states that "it is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843). So we don't need to conjure up warm or fuzzy feelings, but we must intentionally choose to pray for our debtor and for the grace to forgive them. This is a difficult process and is sure to not happen overnight. Let us take some time daily, starting today, to pray for those who've hurt us.

<u>Summary</u>: The Catechism is very explicit in teaching that unless we forgive others we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It instructs us that forgiveness doesn't necessitate good feelings or forgetting past offenses, but instead that it requires intentionally praying for those who have hurt us. As stewards let us begin to pray for the ability to forgive and so live out the words, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

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



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