

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 25TH

12:10 P.M. +Michael & Clare Kennelly

Req. Kevin & Susan Kobus

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions

of Raffaela

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:00 A.M. Sharon Rodriguez

Req. Fay Rodriguez

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

12:10 P.M. +Kevin Quinto

Req. The Quinto Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children

Req. Masses for Life Project

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 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!*

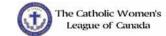
FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST (FRFE) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open to all students who have not received their First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Eucharist (Communion). The registration form and schedule are available through the parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023.

<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).



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.

THE 109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES Sunday, September 24, 2023

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay." In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. Pope Francis referenced the words of the Lord: "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me," reminding us that the Lord's words are a "constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door."

ARCHBISHOP LEO'S STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY HOMILY

Archbishop Leo has prepared a homily for the annual Stewardship Sunday, which this year, is on September 24, 2023. The homily is posted on our parish website: stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

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

All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our Archdiocese and Archbishop on Fri., Sept. 29, 2023, 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral when Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass. Seating will be first come, first seated. 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. There will be an informal reception following the Mass.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 24, 2023

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.



<u>LIFE CHAIN</u> is an annual prayerful & peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life & the harm of abortion. Participants pray & hold non-graphic signs with messages such as, "Life,

the first inalienable right" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us: Sun. Oct. 1, 2023, 2 to 3 pm, northeast corner of Yonge & Eglinton,

REJOICING IN OUR NEIGHBOUR'S GIFTS

In the first reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, we are reminded that God doesn't think the same way we do. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Not only are God's ways different than ours, they are higher and better. We see this in the Gospel where the landowner in the parable gives an equal wage to the labourers regardless of how long they worked for.

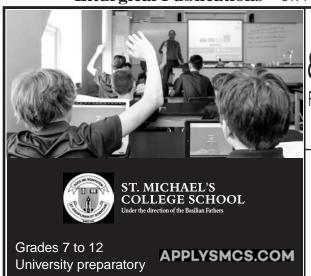
The labourers who worked the longest felt that they did not receive what was just. As stewards, we too can sometimes fall into the temptation of feeling that the gifts God has given us is not to the level we would have liked. Similarly, we may sometimes feel that other people should not have the gifts that they have received. In doing this, we are subtly wanting God to think in the same way we do.

Instead, we should strive to be stewards that are grateful for the gifts we have received.

Moreover, we should even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. As we are all one Body of Christ, when one member has particular gifts, we all as a Church should celebrate and boast of that gift. St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians that within the Body of Christ, "if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." Let us take some time today to thank God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.

Summary: As stewards, we can sometimes fall into the same temptation of those in the Gospel of feeling that the gifts God has given us and our neighbour are not to our liking. However, we should strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. Let us strive to grow in gratitude to God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.

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



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