

St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH **Thanksgiving Day**
10:00 A.M. +Liam Traynor
Req. Helen Mader

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
of Raffaella

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
of Raffaella

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children
Req. Masses for Life Project

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
of Raffaella

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 RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST (FRFE) **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Registration is open to all students who have not received their First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Eucharist (Communion).



Registration deadline is Sunday,

Oct. 8, 2023. The registration form and schedule are available through the parish website:

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

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).

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.



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!***



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca, vocations@archtoronto.org.



**REFLECTION FROM THE
PONTIFICAL SOCIETY FOR THE
PROPAGATION OF FAITH**

October is Missionary Month

*Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023: "The Kingdom Of God Will Be Taken Away From You and Given To A People That Will Produce Its Fruit."
(Matthew 21:43)*

Today, the metaphor describes a cultivated vineyard that must be tended and protected. In order that its life force be put to the best possible advantage, it needs to be watered and pruned and protected from whatever might hamper its growth. What is also necessary is protection from predators and from those who might rob the owner of its produce.

The Gospel suggests that while the vines themselves might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it so that it can produce abundant and delectable fruit. The image of the vineyard is a valuable one. It offers us a valuable confidence, a real freedom from anxiety. But let us remember, that in this image we are not only the vine, we are the caretakers as well.

<https://www.missionsocieties.ca/propagation-of-the-faith-spf/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2023/>

PRAYING AT ALL TIMES

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." These are the words from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians that we hear in today's second reading. Elsewhere in his letter to the Thessalonians, he says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." St. Paul is urging us to pray in all circumstances and at all times.

But is it really feasible for us to pray at all times? While we may not be able to spend every moment praying in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. Saint Josemaria Escriva says that, "You can be sure that it is through the circumstances of ordinary life, ordained or permitted by the infinite wisdom of divine Providence, that we come close to God ... To this I now add that your work too must become a personal prayer, that it must become a real conversation with Our Father in heaven."

As stewards, we can pray and be in union with God through our professional work as well as our charitable works for the parish community. If we offer up these moments of work to God as a means to commune with Him, we will begin to live out St. Paul's exhortation to pray ceaselessly. Let us strive to never forget the dignity and value of our work as stewards of Christ.

Summary: In today's second reading, St. Paul urges us to pray ceaselessly in all circumstances. While we may not be able to spend every moment in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. Let us strive to intentionally realize the dignity of our professional work, and our work as stewards, as a means to be in communion with God.

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



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