



# 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.

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**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](http://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com).

## ***Society of St. Vincent de Paul:***

416-322-2797 (message centre)  
[sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com)

## ***Elementary School***

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School  
Phone: 416-393-5224  
Website: [www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
Req. Manuel Couto

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of the  
Nevin Family  
Req. Margaret Plonka

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Narciso Narcisa  
Req. The Narciso Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Gladys Radomske  
Req. Sister Gloria Radomske

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
Req. Amleset & Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Bertha Ricketts  
Req. Cheryl

## 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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on December 1st, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

**All parishioners are welcome!**

## (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The **First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on

**Saturday, November 25, 2023** at

**6:15 pm, in-person in the**

**church.** (The third of six classes

will take place on Saturday,

December 16, 2023.) For more

information and the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website:

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR RCIA 2023-2024



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).

## 2023 Christmas Fundraising

We are selling Purdy's chocolates to raise funds for our RCIA program. Please visit our website, [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org) to place your orders until Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, for pickup starting Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please contact the parish office by calling 416-483-1513 or sending an email to [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



### **REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED**

During the month of November, the faithfully departed will be remembered at each Mass. We are providing several alternatives for you to submit the names of your departed relatives and friends:

1. Submit the names through the online form at our website

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

2. Send a list of the names by email to [stmonitoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonitoronto@gmail.com).

3. Prepare a list of the names and place your list in the basket provided in the church foyer before Mass starts. This basket will be available before all Masses during the month of November.

4. Drop off your list of names through the mail slot of the Parish Office.

5. Mail your list of names to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1T4.



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

### **Archdiocesan Consultation Initiative**

Archbishop Leo invites the Catholic community to participate in a period of consultation to help inform future pastoral planning. Go to

[www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) for more information and to complete the survey on or before Dec. 15, 2023.

### **St. Augustine's Seminary, Nov. 17-19, 2023**

#### **Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat**



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at

6:30 p.m., until Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. This retreat, which offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary.

Register online: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee).

### **LIVING WITH A HOLY FEAR**

In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.

While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.

Summary: While the thought of death and judgement can lead many to fear and trembling the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). St. Rose of Viterbo says that we should "live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." As stewards let us strive to prepare for death by remembering that we will stand before the same Lord at judgement that we meet every day in prayer and at Mass.

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





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