



# 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](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/)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Thomas Medon  
 Req. Margaret Medon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. +Sir S.M.C. Ihekweazu  
 Req. Ugochi Okoro

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
 Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. +Loretta Marie McCann  
 Req. Lisa & Paul Racioppa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Veronica Yusha Pirzada  
 Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Kenneth Peter Assing  
 Req. Patrice Assing

**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.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.org).
2. Send a list of the names by email to [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@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.

### **ENTERING INTO OUR MASTER'S JOY**

"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master." These are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. The parable of the talents is often seen as the classical parable on stewardship. Let us take some time reflecting on it more deeply today.

Cardinal Collins comments on this parable in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* saying, "As good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in that sentence is increase. Although the third slave did not waste or squander the talents or gifts he had received, the Master did not utter that beautiful phrase to him. The third slave did not work so as to create an increase of his goods. Stewardship always remains as an active way of life.

If we want to hear those beautiful words at our judgement, we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. How well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church? Let us not be passive in our service but seek ways to be used as an instrument of God. Let us start with prayer and move into acts of charity. We can serve in our parish community whether it be joining various ministries or helping people in need. This weekend let us renew our commitment to serving Christ.

Summary: "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master" are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. If we want to hear that spoken to us at our judgement, we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. Let us ask ourselves, how well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church?

\* Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.  
<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx>

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



#### **Archdiocesan Consultation Initiative**

Archbishop Leo invites the Catholic community to participate in a period of consultation to help inform future pastoral planning. For more information and to complete the survey on or before Dec. 15, 2023, go to: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation).



#### **The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection Nov. 18 & 19, 2023**

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. This fund is a tangible way to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 19, 2023**

What will you say when you meet God face to face?

Better still, what will God say to you?

Will you be able to answer that you

served faithfully? Can you answer that

now? If God is calling you to the

priesthood, diaconate or consecrated

life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca); [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).







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