



St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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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

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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)
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Elementary School

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School
Phone: 416-393-5224
Website: www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
 Req. Manuel Couto

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
 8:00 A.M. +Maria de Gloria Gaertner
 Req. Adriana Gaertner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
 12:10 P.M. +Edgardo Dadia
 Req. Helen Dadia

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
 8:00 A.M. +Leonard May
 Req. Jennifer Wyce

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
 12:10 P.M. +Martin Makabali
 Req. Connie Makabali

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
 10:00 A.M. +Elissavet Bitaxis
 Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

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 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.

All parishioners are welcome!

(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS



The **First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.** (The next class, after this one, will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024.)



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).

Archdiocesan-Wide Advent Day of Confessions

St. Monica's Parish, December 11 to 16, 2023

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| Mon., Dec. 11 th | 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Tues., Dec. 12 th | 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. |
| Wed., Dec. 13 th | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Fri., Dec. 15 th | 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Sat., Dec. 16 th | 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 4.40 p.m. |

St. Monica's Parish, December 18 to 23, 2023

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| Mon., Dec. 18 th | 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Tues., Dec. 19 th | 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. |
| Wed., Dec. 20 th | 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Fri., Dec. 22 th | 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Sat., Dec. 23 th | 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 4.40 p.m. |



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 & to complete the survey by Dec. 15, 2023, go to: www.archtoronto.org/consultation.

First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2023



The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997; www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org.

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to "keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be lights on an advent wreath, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share.

One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

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

2023 Donation Tax Receipts

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use donation envelopes to please print clearly your name and mailing address on the envelopes that you use during this month of December so that we can update our tax receipt mailing list. Donations received until December 31, 2023 will be included in your tax receipt for 2023. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register online at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

SAINT MONICA'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024

Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023

Confession 9:30-9:50 a.m. & Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Confession 4:00-4:40 p.m. & Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023

Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**These morning Masses are for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.*

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

CHRISTMAS EVE: SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 2023

VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY: MONDAY, DEC. 25, 2023

MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

No Confessions on Monday, Dec. 25, 2023.
Parish Office will be closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 - Boxing Day

Confession 9:30-9:50 a.m. & Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Dec. 27 – Fri. Dec. 29, 2023

Regular Schedule for Confession & Daily Mass

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023

Confession 9:30-9:50 a.m. & Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Confession 4:00 – 4:40 p.m. & Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023

Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**These are regular Sunday Masses.*

***SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*

NEW YEAR'S EVE: SUNDAY, DEC. 31, 2023

VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

No Confessions on Monday, January 1, 2024.
Parish Office will be closed.

Regular schedule resumes on Tues. January 2, 2024.



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