



# 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/)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
 Req. Manuel Couto

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. Nitin Dias & +Lisa Dias  
 Req. Paul Dias

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Ramon Gonzales  
 Req. Susan Gonzales

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
 Req. Amleset & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Lolita Dadia  
 Req. Helen Dadia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Léon & Juana Bonilla  
 Req. The Bonilla Family



(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).

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 January 5, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, visit



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

**All parishioners are welcome!**

Archdiocesan–Wide Advent Day of Confessions

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

Mon., Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> to 12:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	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

Mon., Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation).

**Second Sunday of Advent – Dec. 10, 2023**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time, God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca); [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ.

Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments.

However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

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, register at [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://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.*

**\*\*THE 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 morning 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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