



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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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)
sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com

Elementary School

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
12:10 P.M. +Maxima Gonzales Florentino
Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
8:00 A.M. +Teresa Scully
Req. Margaret Carter

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
12:10 P.M. +Antonieta Revoredo
Req. The Espinoza Graham Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
8:00 A.M. +Lisa Dias
Req. The Dias Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
12:10 P.M. +Kevin Quinto
Req. The Quinto Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
10:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of the
Lagdameo Family
Req. Mitzi Lagdameo

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.

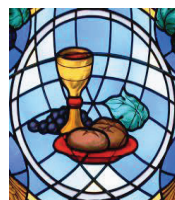


FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on 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.

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.)

REGISTRATION IS 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).



Archdiocesan–Wide Advent Day of Confessions

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

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

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 nd	11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23 rd	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.

Third Sunday of Advent – Dec. 17, 2023

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org.



CHOOSING JOY

“Rejoice always!” These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn’t say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, “My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,” To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God’s love in the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world.

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.stmonicastoronto.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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