



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.

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416-322-2797 (message centre)
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Elementary School

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH
12:10 P.M. +Deceased Members of
Martha Lin's Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH
10:00 A.M. Leon Mao & Yue Qin &
Their Living & Deceased
Family Members
Req. Patrick Morrison

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH
12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH
8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH
12:10 P.M. +Vincenzo Aiello
Req. Lisa & Paul Racioppa

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH
10:00 A.M. +Dominador Corpuz
Req. Charito Corpuz



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION
CATECHETICAL CLASS

The *First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.

(The next class, after this one, will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024.)

RCIA 2024

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION will take place on February 2, 2024 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!**



We need VOLUNTEERS to serve as *Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Choir Members and Garden Volunteers!* If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513 or by email at stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled. "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God through our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by going to our homepage at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca. vocations@archtoronto.org.



HEEDING THE CALL OF CHRIST

"Come and see." These are the words of invitation that Jesus says to His first disciples, and that He still says to us 2000 years later. This is the call of the steward, to come and see the goodness of the Lord. Let us reflect more deeply on the figure of Saint Andrew in this episode and seek ways to imitate him.

Firstly, when Jesus invited him, it says that Andrew obeyed and "came and saw." He readily and wholeheartedly heeded the call of Christ. After his encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Once we encounter the love and goodness of God, we too can no longer hold onto our past lives. Let us strive to continue to journey with God, going ever more deeper into His love. If we have not yet personally encountered Christ, let us remember that Christ longs for us to be with Him, so it is never too late to turn to Him.

Moreover, upon meeting Christ, Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. He brings Simon to Jesus which leads to Simon's call to follow Christ and is where he receives the name Peter. True stewardship leads to evangelization. Once we've experienced the joy of the Gospel, we too should seek to bring others into this joy. Perhaps one act we can do this week is invite a friend to Mass or a parish event so that they too can begin to "come and see" the Lord.

Summary: In the Gospel today, after Andrew's encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Moreover, upon meeting Christ Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. As stewards, let us constantly seek to go deeper in our relationship with Christ and strive to invite others to the parish so that they too may "come and see" the goodness of the Lord.

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