

## 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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Email: stmonicatoronto@gmail.com Website: www.stmonicatoronto.ca

#### 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/

#### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

12:10 P.M. +David Anthony Hogg

Req. Lisa & Paul Racioppa

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Noreen O'Brien & Her Living

& Deceased Family Members

Req. Patrick Morrison

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:00 A.M. Joan Morrison & Her Living

& Deceased Family Members

Req. Patrick Morrison

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

12:10 P.M. +Don Bertrand

Req. Karen Bertrand & Patricia Noe

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

10:00 A.M. +Sally Atkinson

Req. Geoffrey Broomer

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to <u>Offer a</u> <u>Weekday Mass</u>, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.





#### **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

will take place on February 2, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. *All are welcome!* Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



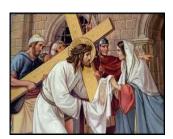
# (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 6:15 pm, inperson in the church. (The next class, after this one, will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024.)

#### ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Masses will be at 12:10 & 6:00 p.m.





The in-person

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every Friday in the
church at 6:00 p.m.,
starting February 16th

and concluding on March 29th (Good Friday). All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.

#### **RCIA 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).



#### 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 ioin the celebration

https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/. The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024 Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood.



religious life or deaconate? If 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, or

send an email to vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### **SPREADING JESUS' FAME**

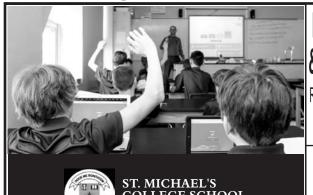
In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus delivering a man with an unclean spirit. When the crowds saw this great miracle they were all amazed by Jesus' words and deeds and began to speak about Him in astonishment. The Gospel ends by saying that "at once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." The news of this miracle helped others in the region come to know about Jesus.

So too, as stewards of Christ, we should share with others the wonderful deeds God has done for us. All of us who have chosen to follow Christ more closely have our own testimony of how God entered into our lives. St. Peter says that it is important to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Therefore, whenever someone asks us why we take our faith and stewardship so seriously, we should be able to tell them why. These are prime opportunities to share the faith with others. The next time a family member or friend asks us why we choose to follow Christ, let us share with them how God has beautifully worked in our lives. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese. Bishop Robert Barron says that "the minute you walk outside of your church on Sunday you're in mission territory." As stewards, let us live this missionary call and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

<u>Summary</u>: In the Gospel today it says that after Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit that his "fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." So too, as stewards of Christ we should share the wonderful deeds God has done for us in order to evangelize those around us. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese.

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



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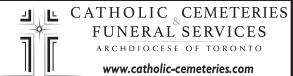


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