# 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/

# MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Deceased Members of The Lagdameo Family Req. Mitzi Lagdameo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:00 A.M. +Anne Marie Kettle Req. Karen Bertrand & Patricia Noe
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>
- 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto Req. Manuel Couto
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>
- 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of Gloria Gillego

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Adolf Buettner Req. The Niego Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 A.M. +Olga Jara, +Guillermo Jara, & +Eloy Jara Req. Janet Jara

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> 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 stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.





FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION will take place on February 2, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. <u>All are welcome!</u> Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



## ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 14, 2024

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

The *in-person* <u>STATIONS</u> <u>of THE CROSS</u> will be held 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.* 

## <u>REGISTRATION OPEN FOR</u> 2024 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)



Registration is open for the 2024 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website:

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org for the online registration form. Registration closes on April 9, 2024.

#### (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class will take place on



<u>Saturday, February 24, 2024</u> at <u>6:15 pm, in-person</u> <u>in the church</u>. (The next class, after this one, will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2024.)



### <u>RCIA 2024</u>

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).



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



#### **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.

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2024

Jesus created much excitement in His day through



His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and

lay ministries. 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.

#### THEME OF EVANGELIZATION

This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that "Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues." St. Francis Xavier says that "many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians." As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities, so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work.

Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. Saint Teresa of Avila says that, "we must all try to be preachers through our deeds." By performing selfless acts of love, we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness.

<u>Summary</u>: Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship, we should heed the words of Saint Paul who says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

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