



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/

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

10:00 A.M. FAMILY DAY
+Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

8:00 A.M. +Patrick Larade
Req. Judy & Robert Lesica

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Ahana Pardhe
Furtado & Maria D'Souza

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
Req. Manuel Couto

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

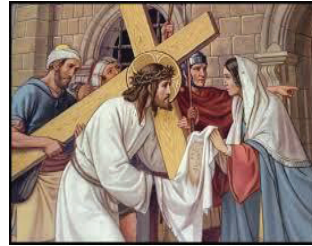
10:00 A.M. +Ernest Ricketts
Req. Parishioner

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 March 1st, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. **All are welcome!** Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



The *in-person* **STATIONS of THE CROSS** 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.***

(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

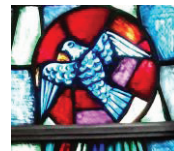
The ***First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class*** will take place on **Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.** (The next class, after this one, will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2024.)



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).

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 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.



THANK YOU for your generosity in contributing to our parish's 2023 ShareLife Campaign. We have ***exceeded our goal*** of \$52,000.00 by 101% and we have confirmed donations in the amount of \$52,903.10. ***Thank you very much for your ongoing support of ShareLife.***

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEB. 18, 2024

Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. “Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,” says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. “With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path.” Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



FREE Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:



2. follow this QR link:

<https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>

3. send an email to:

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“webinar February 24” in the title line +

your name(s) in the body of the message.



Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat
St. Augustine’s Seminary, March 15-17, 2024



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine’s Seminary on Friday, March 15th, at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday, March 17th, at 2:00 p.m.

This retreat, which offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary. Register online: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS

During this First Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of Jesus’s temptation in the wilderness. Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to “Expect temptation to your last breath.” Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves, how hard do we fight to resist temptations?

St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations “Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?” When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin.

Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good and beautiful. For example, we won’t fall into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practice kind acts towards our neighbour. We won’t fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. This will allow us to become holier stewards, which will lead to the revitalization of our parishes as our holiness and charity will point others to the love of Christ.

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