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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Bart Medon  
Req. Margaret Medon

TUESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Maurice Caissie  
Req. Paul & Lisa Racioppa

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Elizabeth Klafter & +Paul Farsang  
Req. Elizabeth Nedeczky

FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Danny Miner  
Req. Josephine Fisher

SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Don Bertrand  
Req. Margaret McGuinness

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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. **All are welcome!** For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

[www.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.org).

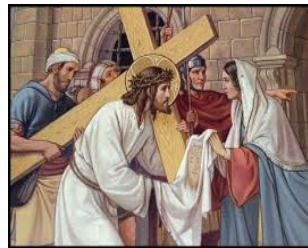
### ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

#### SAINT MONICA'S PARISH, MARCH 11 to MARCH 15, 2024

MONDAY, MARCH 11	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.</b>
FRIDAY, MARCH 14	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MARCH 15	9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4.40 P.M.

#### SAINT MONICA'S PARISH, MARCH 18 to MARCH 22, 2024

MONDAY, MARCH 18	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 19	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, MARCH 21	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MARCH 22	9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4.40 P.M.



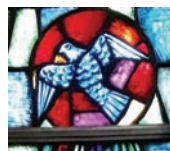
The *in-person* **STATIONS of THE CROSS** will be held every Friday *in the church* at 6:00 p.m., starting February 16 and concluding on March 29 (Good Friday). **All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.**



### (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The *First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place on **Saturday, March 16, 2024** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church.**

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2024 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)



Registration is open for the 2024 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our website: [www.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.org) for the online registration form. Registration closes on April 9, 2024. The first two classes of six virtual classes will take place **online** on April 16<sup>th</sup> & April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at **4 pm sharp.**

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

(There is no 8 a.m. Mass.)

**8:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WASHING OF FEET

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### **GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

(There is no 11:40 a.m. Confession & 12:10 p.m. Mass.

The Parish Office is closed.)

**3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD**

LITURGICAL SERVICE

EUCHARIST

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

**6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

(There is no 9:30 a.m. Confession & 10 a.m. Mass.

There is no 4:00 p.m. Confession & 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS**

### **EASTER SUNDAY of the**

### **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. MASS**

### **EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

**11:40 A.M. CONFESSION & 12:10 P.M. MASS**

(The Parish Office is closed.)

Regular Mass & Office Schedule Resumes Tues., April 2, 2024.

## **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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

## **CARRYING OUR CROSSES**

Spreading the Gospel can be difficult in our increasingly secular society. As stewards who are called to receive our gifts from God and put them at the service of the Church, this challenge can sometimes seem daunting. We may be tempted to think that today's society is just too far gone to accept Jesus. We may even see this within our own circle of friends and family members. However, this resistance from society is nothing new and nothing to fear.

In today's first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear how God sent many people on His behalf to spread His word "but [the people] kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets." Even in the Old Testament, those who sought to serve God faced hardships and retaliation. Therefore, as stewards, we should not expect everything in our ministry to be perfect or easy.

Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew that whoever wants to follow Him must take up their cross and follow. To take up the cross is to take up suffering and hardships for the sake of serving Christ. As stewards, let us not shy away from these crosses but accept them willingly. The cross will forever be the symbol of our hope and salvation. To take part in the cross of Christ by carrying our own crosses is a supreme dignity. Therefore, the next time we face a difficulty in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

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



### **Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission**

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### **THE JOURNEY THROUGH**

**LENT VIDEO SERIES** is again

available on the website of

the Canadian Conference of

Catholic Bishops ([https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-](https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2024/)

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