



# 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](http://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com).

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

416-322-2797 (message centre)  
[sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:sanvincentdepaul@yahoo.com)

### **Elementary School**

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School  
Phone: 416-393-5224  
Website: [www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

## PALM SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Pamela Noe  
Req. Margaret McGuinness

TUESDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 P.M. **HOLY THURSDAY**  
**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

FRIDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>  
3:00 P.M. **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
***(Day of fasting and abstinence)***

SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>  
8:30 P.M. **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

### 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).



### ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

#### **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.

### 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  
**ADORATION FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.**

#### **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.

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.***

### **Pontifical Collection, Good Friday**

#### **March 29, 2024 for the Benefit of the Holy Land**

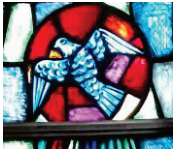
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**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

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.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



**REGISTRATION for 2024 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)**

Registration is open for the 2024 Rite of Confirmation (ROC)

preparation program. Please visit our website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org) for the online registration form. **Registration closes on April 9, 2024.** The first two of six virtual classes will take place **online** on April 16th & April 17th, 2024 at **4:00 pm sharp**.



**ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today**

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). ***Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.***

**Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24, 2024**



Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the

blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON PALM SUNDAY (excerpt)**

Jesus “emptied himself, taking the form of a servant” (Phil 2:7). Let us allow these words of the Apostle Paul to lead us into these holy days, when the word of God, like a refrain, presents Jesus as *servant*. On Holy Thursday, he is portrayed as the servant who washes the feet of his disciples; on Good Friday, he is presented as the suffering and victorious servant (cf. Is 52:13); and tomorrow we will hear the prophecy of Isaiah about him: “Behold my servant, whom I uphold” (Is 42:1). God saved us *by serving us*. We often think we are the ones who serve God. No, he is the one who freely chose to serve us, for he loved us first. It is difficult to love and not be loved in return. And it is even more difficult to serve if we do not let ourselves be served by God.

But – just one question – how did the Lord serve us? By giving his life for us. We are dear to him; we cost him dearly. Saint Angela of Foligno said she once heard Jesus say: “My love for you is no joke.” His love for us led him to sacrifice himself and to take upon himself our sins. This astonishes us: God saved us by taking upon himself all the punishment of our sins. Without complaining, but with the humility, patience and obedience of a servant, and purely out of love. And the Father *upheld* Jesus in his service. He did not take away the evil that crushed him, but rather strengthened him in his suffering so that our evil could be overcome by good, by a love that loves to the very end.

The Lord served us to the point of experiencing the most painful situations of those who love: *betrayal* and *abandonment*.

<https://slmedia.org/blog/pope-francis-homily-for-palm-sunday-2>



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