



# 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/)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Zsuzsa Herczeg  
 Req. Elizabeth Nedeczky

TUESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. Imre Nedeczky, Jr. &  
 Margit Nedeczky  
 Req. Elizabeth Nedeczky

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
 Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
 Req. Amleset & Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
 Req. Masses for Life Project

SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Raymond KC Wong  
 Req. Susan Wong

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 May 3<sup>rd</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).

2024 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)



Rite of Confirmation (ROC) classes take place online. The first two of six virtual classes will take place **online** on April 16th & April 17th, 2024 at **4:00**

**pm sharp**. For more information & the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

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).



**THANK YOU!**

We appreciate and celebrate your faithful service within our parish community. Thank you for volunteering and making every moment matter.

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."  
GALATIANS 6:10



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### **Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024**

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or 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).



### **PERPETUAL NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA**

***Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son Saint Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.***

**(Mention your intentions here.)**

***With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.***

***Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God. Amen.***

### **BEFRIENDING GOD**

One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that "faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure." Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.

The Catechism teaches that "Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother" (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus' identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

**Summary:** We all love having friends and since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus because he too is fully human. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships but is elevated to the status of being friends with God, since Jesus is also fully God. As stewards, let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

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





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