



# 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/)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Cletus Henry  
 Req. Judith Anne Muldoon

TUESDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. +Cheryl Granito  
 Req. Judith Anne Muldoon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
 Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. Living & Deceased Members  
 of the Medon Family  
 Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Bernard & Sybil Lewis  
 Req. The Lewis & Barranca Families

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 next two of six virtual classes will take place online on **Tuesday, May 7th and Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 4:00 pm sharp**. For more information & the schedule of classes, contact the parish office by calling 416-483-1513 or sending an email to [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



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).



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.*



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

**Vespers Celebrating St. Gregory of Narek**  
**with Archbishop Francis Leo**  
**& Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan**

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5.

**April 28, 2024 – Today is ShareLife Sunday**



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***Thank you for living the Gospel!***

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If 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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**ABIDING IN CHRIST**

In today’s Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.

Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it’s through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

**Summary:** In today’s Gospel Jesus says “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” We can abide in Jesus by placing ourselves in His presence whenever we pray and He likewise abides in us, especially through receiving Him in the Eucharist. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained so let us never fail to go to Him before we offer up our time and talents to the parish.

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



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