



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/

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 6TH

12:10 P.M. +Miro Sabatini
Req. Alisia Sabatini

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

8:00 A.M. +Gordon Gee & +Felicitia Aburto
Req. The Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

8:00 A.M. Yvonne George-Boateng
Req. Fay Rodriguez

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

12:10 P.M. +Orion Walker
Req. Susan Gonzales

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

10:00 A.M. +Bob McCormick
Req. Karen Bertrand

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.



We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as **Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Choir Members, Offering collectors, and Garden Volunteers!** If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513 or send us an email at stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on May 3rd, 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.



The two sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance are very closely connected. Because the Eucharist makes present the redeeming sacrifice of the Cross, perpetuating it sacramentally, it naturally gives rise to a continuous need for conversion. If a Christian's conscience is burdened by serious sin, then the path of penance through the sacrament of Reconciliation becomes necessary for full participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

-Pope St. John Paul II

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 83

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, please visit our Parish website: 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).



ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters



The next ShareLife Sunday is June 2 and we call upon your compassionate hearts to support ShareLife. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024



The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The

world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca. 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.

LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" are the beautiful words we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today. Jesus goes on to say that He no longer calls us servants but His friends. This is the radical truth of our faith. That God became man in order to befriend us and show His love for us through His death on the cross. As stewards we too are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him.

While the most literal way to lay down our life is to become a martyr for the faith, few are actually called to this type of death. It is more likely that we are called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says, "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." This is how we can display love's greatest act in our lives, to live not for ourselves but to live for the Gospel.

As stewards, we can live for the Gospel by giving our time and talents to our parish community. Our lives are made out of time, so to freely offer our time to help serve those in our community is a beautiful way to lovingly give to others. Likewise, to give of ourselves through the sharing of our talents is another way to lay down our lives for Christ and the Church. Let us strive to commit more faithfully to our call of stewardship.

Summary As stewards, we are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him for there is "no greater love than this." Since it's unlikely that we'll be called to martyrdom, we are instead called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Let us strive to accomplish this through a renewed commitment to stewardship.

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



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