



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/

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 13TH
12:10 P.M. Cletus Henry
Req. Judith Anne Muldoon

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
of the Roman Gee Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH
12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
8:00 A.M. +Ricardo B. Balalilhe, Jr.
Req. Richen Balalilhe

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH
12:10 P.M. +Mauricia Vela
Req. Gloria Gillego

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH
10:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

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.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on June 7th, 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.



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).



EUCCHARISTIC GEMS

"This then is what Christ intended when he instituted this Venerable Sacrament, namely, by awakening charity towards God to promote mutual charity among men. For the latter, as it is plain, is by its very nature rooted in the former, and springs from it by a kind of spontaneous growth. Nor is it possible that there should be any lack of charity among men, or rather it must needs be enkindled and flourish, if men would but ponder well the charity which Christ has shown in this Sacrament."

-Pope Leo XIII

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 132

Ascension of the Lord - May 12, 2024

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org.





**Reflecting on Archbishop Leo's
Pastoral Letter on Seeking the
Kingdom of God - Awareness of**

the Kingdom Throughout our Archdiocese - Truth
We endeavour passionately so that the radiance of the truth may enlighten lives and help us to grow into the saints we are called to be in the Kingdom. We are guided and indeed led by the light of faith and reason as we seek to honour and spread the truth around us. Finally, let us be docile to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth and make ourselves available to encountering truth and becoming its proponent around us regardless of its origin; to quote the Angelic Doctor: "whatever its source, truth is of the Holy Spirit." – Archbishop Francis Leo, Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Things, page 16. <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/pastoral-letter-from-the-most-rev.-francis-leo/>

ShareLife and World Communications Day



On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our

brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community. "If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – *Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice*. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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 by email at stmonitoronto@gmail.com.

BEING AUTHENTIC STEWARDS

This Sunday we celebrate the great solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his apostles, and us as well, to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." To spread the Gospel is an essential aspect of our stewardship. The greatest gift we possess is the knowledge and experience of Christ's love and mercy and we should seek to share this with as many people as possible.

In order to spread the Gospel, we must overcome the temptation of having a split personality or a double life. We shouldn't hang up our faith on the door as if it were a jacket we took off when we walked into the office. Our faith should instead be woven into every aspect of our lives. To always live as a disciple of Christ and showcase the joy of being a Catholic is perhaps the greatest good we can do in evangelizing our neighbour.

St. Charles Borromeo says, "Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head." If people know we are practicing Catholics, we can potentially scandalize them if we act uncharitably or contrary to the faith. Therefore, let us strive to make our entire lives a reflection of God so that we may constantly spread the Gospel.

Summary: Before His ascension, Jesus tells His apostles, and us, to go into the world and spread the Gospel. To be authentic stewards, we can't hang up our faith on the door as if it were a jacket we took off when we walked into the office. Rather, we should realize that living as a disciple of Christ at all times and showcasing the joy of being a Catholic is perhaps the greatest good we can do in evangelizing our neighbour.

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



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