

## 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.

Pastor: Fr. Damian Young-Sam-You Parish Secretary: Eloisa Mandelker

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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/

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> - <u>CIVIC HOLIDAY</u> 10:00 A.M. +Alphonse Benusis

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Aurora Lingan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto

Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH

12:10 P.M. Dan Murphy

Req. Margaret McGuinness

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Joseph Lloyd Hugh

Req. Gloria Hugh

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to <u>Offer a</u> <u>Weekday Mass</u>, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or please send an email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.





#### **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

will take place on August 2, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, visit

www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

All parishioners are welcome!

#### **RCIA**

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).



## St. Monica's Feast Day August 27, 2024 Celebrate 118 years with us!



Please join us in praying the <u>Novena to St.</u>
<u>Monica</u> during Mass from August 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.

On St. Monica's Feast Day, Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the 8 am Mass will be offered specifically for the conversion of souls. If you are praying for the conversion of someone you know, you can submit their names as follows:

1. Submit their names through the online form in our parish website:

#### www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

2. Prepare a list of their names, and place your list in the basket provided in the church foyer. You can submit names starting on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, until *before* the 8 am Mass on St. Monica's Feast Day, Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, during which all the names will be offered.

#### **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.



## Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.



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invite all families within
the Archdiocese of Toronto
to participate in the
Annual Mass for the
Faithful Departed. Mass

will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto. Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun. In the event of rain, Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish.

#### <u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>August 4, 2024</u>



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Today's readings remind us that the priest is ordained by the Holy Spirit to be

the means by which Jesus' words are fulfilled. *If you feel God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.* <a href="www.vocationstoronto.ca">www.vocationstoronto.ca</a>. <a href="www.vocations@archtoronto.org">www.vocations@archtoronto.org</a>.

#### <u>Archdiocese of Toronto - Office of Catholic Youth</u>

RENEW TORONTO, a conference for young adults, ages 19-39, will take place on Sat. Nov. 23, 2024 at Canada Event Centre (formerly



<u>www.renewtoronto.org</u>. To send an email: youth@archtoronto.org.

#### **TO GIVE THANKS**

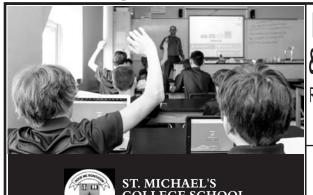
In the first reading, we hear of the Israelites who have just been freed from generations of slavery and are now wandering the desert. Once in the desert, the Israelites became hungry and begin to grumble against Moses, saying that their life in Egypt in slavery was better, for at least there they weren't hungry. The same scenario happens to Jesus in the Gospel, where just after multiplying five loaves and two fish for five thousand people, the very same people who witnessed this miracle asks for a sign from Jesus so that they may believe him.

How quickly we can forget the goodness of the Lord! It is easy to forget the good things that the Lord has done for us in our lives especially when going through hardship. Jesus tells the crowd that he will give them even a greater sign, greater than the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and greater than the manna which fell from heaven for the Israelites. Jesus would give us the Eucharist, His very body and blood, soul and divinity for us to eat.

The word Eucharist means "to give thanks." When we approach Jesus who is hidden in the Eucharist are we filled with gratitude? There may be times in our life when we feel like the Egyptians, hungry and going through a desert, and in these moments, it can be very easy to forget the goodness of the Lord. These difficult times are the moments when it is most important to go back to Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus waits for us in the Mass, and it is in the Eucharist that we receive all the sustenance we need to complete our journey on this earth. As we are nourished by Christ, let us share the nourishment Christ gives us in the Eucharist and become a source of nourishment for others, especially by praying for those who may be going through tough times.

<u>Summary:</u> In the Gospel, we read of the Jewish people who ask Jesus for a sign so that they can believe what he teaches, just after he performs the miracle of multiplication of bread and fish to feed five thousand. In the same way, we can be so quick to forget the good things the Lord does for us especially when facing hardships. As we approach the Eucharist this week, let us approach with a grateful heart, remembering how the Lord cares for us and will bring us through hardships, just as he did for the Israelites.

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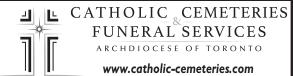


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