



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

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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 19TH

12:10 P.M. +Ricardo P. Balalilha, Jr.
Req. Richen Balalilha

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:00 A.M. +Quintin Robles
Req. The Villanueva-Robles
Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST

12:10 P.M. +Charles Abanum
Req. Ishioma Abanum

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

8:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

12:10 P.M. In honour of Our Lady of the
Oak of Visora
Req. Raffaella Sacco

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

10:00 A.M. +Rita Shaughnessy
Req. Clinton Somerton

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 September 6,
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!

St. Monica's Feast Day August 27, 2024

Celebrate 118 years with us!



Please join us in praying
the [Novena to St. Monica](#)
during Mass from August
18th to 26th.

On St. Monica's Feast Day,
the 8 am Mass will be offered specifically for the
conversion of souls. If there is a person(s) you
are praying for, you can submit their name(s) as
follows:

1. 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.
3. Send the list through an email to
stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.
4. Drop the list through the mail slot on the
parish office door.

You can submit names starting on Saturday,
August 10th, until *before* the 8 am Mass on
Tuesday, August 27th, 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.

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).



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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug. 18, 2024

Today's Gospel asks for us "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Through the mystery of Eucharistic consecration we partake of the "living bread". In faith we can also respond to God's invitation to be his priest, religious or deacon. If you can respond, please call



Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.
www.vocationstoronto.ca
vocations@archtoronto.org

Archdiocese of Toronto - Office of Catholic Youth

RENEW TORONTO, a conference for young adults, ages 19-39, will take place on **Sat. Nov. 23, 2024** at Canada Event Centre (formerly Canada Christian College) in Whitby. The conference includes workshops, Confession, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & more. On **Sun. Nov. 24, 2024**, Mass and a social gathering with Archbishop Frank Leo will take place at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Early-bird registration will open soon until September 30th & regular price registration closes on October 28th. For more info: www.renewtoronto.org. To send an email: youth@archtoronto.org.



PURSUE UNDERSTANDING

In the Gospel, we hear of the crowds who were wrestling with the words of Jesus from the previous week's Gospel, as he reveals himself to be the bread from heaven. They were not able to understand how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat, and instead of taking back his words, Jesus tells them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." These words of Jesus in today's gospel were difficult to hear, and the crowd began to quarrel among themselves trying to understand what Jesus meant. How could Jesus give them his flesh to eat and his blood to drink? The Jewish people lacked the faith and understanding to be able to accept this teaching, and many left Jesus as a result.

There is a famous saying that says the longest journey one takes is that from the head to the heart. To be able to transform what we hear and know to that which we believe is one of the greatest challenges in the Christian life. Paul understood deeply that this pursuit of wisdom is a noble one, as he urges the church in Ephesus to strive to be wise, to leave ignorance and pursue understanding of the will of the Lord. The first reading from the book of proverbs reiterates this, saying "forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

What is our response when we encounter difficult teaching? It is easy as the crowds did to leave and live in ignorant bliss, but what is truly more noble is to wrestle with the truth. How are we seeking the truth in our life? Do we ask Jesus for the gift of faith, understanding and wisdom, especially when we approach the life-giving sacrament of the Eucharist? Let us try this week to learn something new about our faith, researching a question we may have been struggling with, and sharing what we've learned with someone.

Summary: When the people were hearing the teaching on the Bread of Life, they had a difficult time understanding how Jesus is the bread of life, and as a result many left. To understand and to have faith in the words of Jesus is not always easy, and yet it is our duty as Christian stewards to seek and understand truth. As Christian stewards, let us seek always the Truth that comes from God, allowing the Eucharist we receive to be a source of faith and understanding.

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