



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/

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH
12:10 P.M. In Honour of Our Lady of the
Oak of Visora
Req. Raffaella Sacco

SAINT MONICA'S FEAST DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH
8:00 A.M. MASS FOR THE
CONVERSION OF SOULS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH
12:10 P.M. In Thanksgiving to
Saint Anthony

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH
8:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH
12:10 P.M. +Pelagia Alviar Pulido &
+Benjamin Bandola Pulido
Req. Ollie Pulido

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST
10:00 A.M. +Maria Minighini
Req. Silvana Budo

**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.

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!**

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.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25, 2024

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the

Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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.



THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA

Excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus)

At Sunday's Angelus prayer, Pope Benedict XVI recalled the previous week's liturgical memorial of St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine of Hippo and model and patron of Christian mothers.

"Much is recounted about her in her son's autobiography 'The Confessions,' a masterpiece among the most read works of all time," Pope Benedict said. "There, we understand that St. Augustine imbibed the name of Jesus with maternal milk and was educated in the Christian religion by his mother, the principles of which remained impressed on him even in the years of spiritual and moral wavering."

Saint Monica, Benedict XVI explained, never stopped praying for her son and his conversion, and she had the consolation of seeing him return to the faith and receiving baptism. The Pope added, "God heard the prayers of this holy mother, to whom the Bishop of Tagaste said: 'It is impossible that a child of so many tears should go lost.' In truth, St. Augustine does not only convert, but decides to embrace the monastic life and he, himself establishes a community of monks."

"The final spiritual conversations between him and his mother in the quiet of a house in Ostia, in anticipation of departure for Africa, are moving and edifying," the Holy Father explained. "By then St. Monica had become for this her child 'more than a mother, the source of his Christianity.' Her lone desire had been for years the conversion of Augustine, who then was positively oriented toward a life of consecration to God's service."

She could only die content, the Pontiff said, on August 27, 387, after having asked her children to remember her, where ever they were, at the altar of the Lord. Saint Augustine repeated that his mother had "twice given birth" to him.

Pope Benedict continued: "The history of Christendom has numerous examples of holy parents and authentic Christian families, who accompanied the life of generous priests and pastors of the Church."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/16975/pope-benedict-points-to-st-monica-as-example-of-holy-parent>



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