



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, SEPTEMBER 2ND LABOUR DAY

10:00 A.M. -----

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 A.M. +Belen Calayag
Req. Princess Mabel Calayag

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
The Lin Family
Req. Martha Lin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:00 A.M. Father Damian Young-Sam-You
Req. Martha Lin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

12:10 P.M. +Barbara Florczyk
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

10:00 A.M. +Ondina Bravo
Req. Christina & Patricia Bravo

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 stmonitoronto@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!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2024-2025 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

It was in his flesh that Christ walked among us and it is his flesh that he has given us to eat for our salvation; but no one eats of this flesh without having first adored it and not only do we not sin in thus adoring it, but we would be sinning if we did not do so.

- Saint Augustine of Hippo

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 104



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 stmonitoronto@gmail.com.



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The annual event of the **SEASON OF CREATION 2024** begins on September 1st (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4th (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). This year's theme is *"To hope and act with Creation"* and the symbol is *"The first fruits of hope,"* inspired by Romans 8:19-25. An introductory video & resources to observe this season at home, church & school may be found at the following links:

VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLI5cT-56Yk>

RESOURCES:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCil3Mxen3JQZ5Rrazz3/view>.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 1, 2024



Our second Scripture reading reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father ...". God's gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which

should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or deaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, 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 LAW OF LOVE

The Pharisees were devout Jewish men. They diligently followed the laws of Moses and the traditions of the elders which were passed on to them, and yet in the Gospel we see them being rebuked for being the hypocrites that Isaiah prophesized about. Although the Pharisees followed the law, Jesus sees their heart and saw that their actions did not come from a place of loving God and his law, but of pride and self-reliance. He tells the crowd "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

In our desire for holiness, it can be easy to be caught up with the externals. As we participate more fully in the work of stewardship, it can be a temptation to share our time and talent because of the praise that we receive from the parishioners or pastor, and feel dejected when that praise does not come. Yet as Jesus reminds us in the gospel, our actions alone aren't what makes us holy, but it is what comes from within. As St Paul says in the second reading, "be doers of the word and not hearers only." When we truly listen and allow God's word to take root in our hearts, we undergo conversion and our actions that come from this conversion will be out of love and gratitude for God.

As we listen to God's word, let us pray that we can allow it to take root in our hearts and transform us, producing within us fruits which we can share with those around us. Let us remember the words of St. Paul in the second reading, that every perfect gift comes from God. The gifts that we have come from the Lord, and we should share them out of gratitude for Him. Let us take time this week to evaluate the work that we do towards building up the kingdom of God, and ensure that all that we do is a labour of love, responding to the generous gifts God has given us and not out of selfish desires to be noticed.

Summary: To follow the law means nothing if not done out of love, for as Jesus says in the Gospel, that the things that come out from within are what defile the person. It can be easy for us in the work of stewardship to no longer share our time and talent out of love, but selfish motives as the Pharisees were doing in the Gospel. Let us always keep in mind that the gifts that we have are from the Lord, and that we share them out of gratitude for God who blesses us.

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



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