



# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

**“Joyfully bringing Christ to the world and intentionally bringing the world to Christ.”**



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**Pastor:** Fr. Damian Young-Sam-You

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

**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.

**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.

**Elementary School**

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School

Phone: 416-393-5224

Website: [www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Martin (Sandy) Rowan  
Req. Susan Kobus

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of  
The Lin Family  
Req. Martha Lin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Kathy Romas-Jaeger  
Req. Sister Gloria Radomske

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Elsa Sumodobila &  
+Apolo Baltazar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Alphonse Benusis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project

### 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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on October 4, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).  
**All parishioners are welcome!**



### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST (FRFE) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open to all students who have not received their First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Eucharist (Communion). The registration form and schedule are available through the parish website:



[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). **Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024.**

### 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).



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Donations of non-perishable goods for The Good Shepherd Ministries will be accepted until the Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> weekend. Please drop your donations in the collection boxes in the church foyer. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your support!



The annual event of the SEASON OF CREATION 2024 begins on Sept. 1st (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on Oct. 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 are found at the following links:

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

#### **Resources:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCiI3Mxen3JQZ5Razz3/view>.



**ARCHBISHOP LEO'S STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

**HOMILY**

Archbishop Leo has prepared a homily for September 22, 2024, the annual Stewardship Sunday. The homily is posted on our parish website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

**Archdiocesan Celebration of Saint Michael the Archangel**

Archbishop Leo invites everyone to pray the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel from Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. The novena prayer is available on the parish website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



**Answer the Call to Compassion**

100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Please help combat hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.



**LIFE CHAIN** is an annual prayerful & peaceful witness to

the sanctity of human life and the harm of abortion. Participants pray & hold non-graphic signs with messages such as, "Adoption, the Loving Option" at hundreds of locations across North America for 1 hour. Please join us on **Sun., Oct. 6th, 2024, 2 to 3 pm**, northeast corner of Yonge & Eglinton. Please visit <https://www.lifechain.org/>.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 22, 2024**

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, please call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, or send an email to [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), or visit [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).



**CELEBRATING THE STEWARDSHIP OF OTHERS**

In today's readings, we learn the importance of having the right attitude and disposition in our approach towards stewardship. A steward is called to live in humility. We are not the owners of our gifts but are simply the humble caretakers of them and it is our job to give them back to God with increase.

St. James in the second reading says, "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others. It is a human reaction to seek recognition for our good works and want to be rewarded. However, the goal of stewardship is not our own glory, but rather the glory of Christ and the Church. One way to combat envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others. Since we are all one Body of Christ, the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the whole Church.

Relatedly, in the Gospel today Jesus instructs His apostles saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." True stewards seek to serve others before themselves. We should ask ourselves, am I assisting at the parish to serve my own ego or to serve my neighbour? Let us constantly try to reorient our priorities so that we can serve Christ first through serving our brothers and sisters.

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