



St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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



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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/

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
 12:10 P.M. +Sixta Tajan
 Req. Helen Tajan & Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
 8:00 A.M. +Alphonse Benusis

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
 12:10 P.M. +John Levitt
 Req. Ana Tabaldo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
 8:00 A.M. +Sally Atksinon
 Req. Stephen Broomer

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
 12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children
 Req. Masses for Life Project

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
 10:00 A.M. +Benito Samson Sta. Ana
 Req. Elenita Sta. Ana

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 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. **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. **Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024.**

REGISTRATION OPEN: 2024-2025 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).

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Donations of non-perishable goods for The Good Shepherd Ministries will be accepted until the Oct. 5th/6th 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 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES
Sunday, September 29, 2024

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks with His People." In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that **all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth**, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants are a contemporary icon of this people on a journey, of the Church on a journey, and at the same time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable brothers and sisters that we can encounter the Lord who walks with us.



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 or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.



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/12M3weSD4D2mvjCiI3Mxen3JQZ5Rrazz3/view>.



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/>.

Thank you for your support.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of



Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

www.vocationstoronto.ca.

vocations@archtoronto.org.

REMOVING THE OBSTACLES

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the bold teaching that we should rid ourselves of anything that causes us to sin, for the price of losing our eternal salvation is far too great. This teaching can seem harsh at times, yet it is actually one of great truth and love. The radical implication in Jesus message' is that the salvation of our souls is the most important thing in life.

As followers of Christ, we should ask ourselves, is there anything that is causing us to sin? Sin begins to weaken our relationship with God which hinders our ability to truly love others and act as authentic stewards. If we want our stewardship to flourish, we should take concrete actions to avoid the near occasions of sin and seek forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for whenever we do fall.

Additionally, not only should we seek to remove the causes of sin in our lives, but we should try to remove all those things that hinder us from being better stewards of our time and talents. For example, if our pride and ego get in the way of us being willing to humbly serve others, we should pray for the strength to grow in humility. Likewise, if our addiction to television or movies stops us from giving our time to others, we should try to intentionally limit our viewing time. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.

Summary: Jesus instructs us in the Gospel to remove anything that causes us to sin for the most important thing in life is the salvation of our souls. Likewise, we should strive to remove anything that hinders us from being better stewards of our time and talents. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ, so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.

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