

## 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 Parish Secretary: Eloisa Mandelker

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, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Clarita Samson

Req. Roberta Blanco-Pador

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Rene de lor Casa

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of

Lydia Hijara

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>™</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Clarita Paras

Req. Charmee Manalili

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

12:10 P.M. Eva Jacob

Req. Gloria Gillego

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving to

Saint Peregrine

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to <u>Offer a</u> <u>Weekday Mass</u>, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



#### 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:



<u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.</u> *Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024.* 

#### **EUCHARISTIC GEMS**

The Eucharist is the sacrament of love par excellence. Certainly the other sacraments are proof's of God's love for us; they are gifts of God. But in the Eucharist, we receive the author of every gift, God himself. So it is in Communion especially that we learn the law of love that our Lord came to reveal. There we receive the special grace of love.

- Saint Peter Julian Eymard

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament,* (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 65

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Catholic Women's League will be collecting non-perishable goods for The Good Shepherd Ministries. Please drop your donations in the

collection boxes in the church foyer from September 14<sup>th</sup> to the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board. Thanks for your support.

## BUNDLE UP COLLECTION SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A truck will be parked outside the church to receive gently used clothes and household linens. Please refer to the bulletin board for more details.

#### REGISTRATION NOW 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).



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.



TOHOPEANDACT The annual event of the <u>SEASON</u> WITHCREATION 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/12M3weSD4D2mvjCil3Mxen3J QZ5Rrazz3/view.

#### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** October 6, 2024



Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today.

Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community,

we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

Info at: www.vocationstoronto.ca. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### THE ORIGINS OF STEWARDSHIP

In the first reading this Sunday, we hear about our first parents, Adam and Eve. By reflecting on their lives, we can learn a great deal about how we too are called to live. It says in Genesis that, "the Lord God formed man ... and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it," It is from this that the spirituality of stewardship finds its origins, all the way from the first book of the Bible.

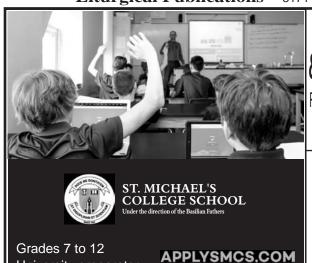
To be a steward is to gratefully acknowledge our lives and all we possess as gifts from God that should be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. We must maturely take care of them, not for selfish reasons, but out of love and generosity. This is exactly what God is asking of Adam in Genesis.

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet, He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure. Instead, he is told to work at nurturing and fostering these gifts so as to allow them to increase. God tells him to till the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will. God desires us to share our gifts for His glory, so let us reflect on how we can better offer ourselves for the good of God and the Church.

#### **SUMMARY**

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



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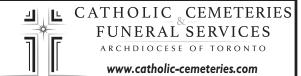


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