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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one*

another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH **Thanksgiving Day**
10:00 A.M. +Olga Jara
Req. Janet Jara

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:00 A.M. -----

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
12:10 P.M. +Azucena R. Salvador
Req. Natividad Regidor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
12:10 P.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
10:00 A.M. Living & Deceased C.W.L.
Members
Req. Catholic Women's League

**(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION
CATECHETICAL CLASS**

The **First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday, October 26, 2024** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church.** For more information and the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website:



www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

EUCCHARISTIC GEMS

Devotion to the Eucharist is the noblest of devotions, because it has God as its object. It is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the author of grace. It is the sweetest, because the Lord is sweetness itself.

- Saint Pope Pius X

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 148

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 Nov. 1st, 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!



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 12th & 13th, 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 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).





We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as ***Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Offering Collectors, Choir Members and Garden Volunteers!***

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513 or by email at stmonicatontoronto@gmail.com.



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.

St. Augustine's Seminary, Nov. 15-17, 2024

Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See



Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 15th, at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday,

November 17th, at 2:00 p.m. This

retreat, which offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary.

Register online: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Archdiocese of Toronto - Office of Catholic Youth

RENEW TORONTO, a conference for young adults, takes place on Sat. Nov. 23 at Canada Event Centre & Sun. Nov. 24 at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

Registration closes October 28, 2024.

Info: www.renewtoronto.org

Email: youth@archtoronto.org.



FOSTERING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

This Thanksgiving weekend provides us the perfect opportunity to reflect on our lives and our commitment to stewardship. Let us consider the following passage from Cardinal Collins' *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**: "Deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability. Stewardship is sometimes called 'the attitude of gratitude.' We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God ... If each of us is profoundly aware that all is gift, then we are freed from possessiveness, and can be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us in life, sharing generously."

Before we can generously share our time and talents with the parish community, we must first realize that they are gifts from God. There are many fruitful practices we can adopt to help us cultivate this deeper sense of gratitude. Firstly, we must always remember that life itself is a beautiful gift. We can try to begin each day while we still lie in bed to simply say, "thank you Lord for blessing me with another day." We will then be able to have a greater appreciation for our time on earth and work towards making better use of our lives.

Additionally, this weekend when we have our family Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps we can go around the table and have each person say what they are thankful for this past year. Let us challenge ourselves to go deep and truly examine all of the blessings God has bestowed on our lives that we so often take for granted. Let us grow in our stewardship this weekend as we foster an "attitude of gratitude."

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* Thomas Cardinal Collins, *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*. Available at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/pastoral-letter>



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