



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/

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
 12:10 P.M. +Cezar Nucup &
 +Felicitas Nucup
 Req. Myra Nucup

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
 Aldom Simbol

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
 12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving for Family
 Blessings
 Req. Patrick Morrison

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
 8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
 12:10 P.M. -----

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
 10:00 A.M. -----

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!

(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***. (The second of six classes will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2024.)



For more information and the schedule of classes, please contact the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION OPEN: 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

Through your love for the Eucharist, you will also rediscover the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in which the merciful goodness of God always allows us to make a fresh start in our lives.

- Pope Benedict XVI

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 189



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 stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. Info at: www.vocationstoronto.ca. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.



FREE Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:



2. follow this QR link:

qrco.de/WebOct19

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

During the month of November, the faithfully departed will be remembered at each Mass. We are providing several alternatives for you to submit the names of your departed relatives and friends:

1. Submit the names through the online form at our website www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.
2. Send a list of the names by email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.
3. Prepare a list of the names and place your list in the basket provided in the church foyer *before* Mass starts. This basket will be available before all Masses during the month of November.
4. Drop off your list of names through the mail slot of the Parish Office.
5. Mail your list of names to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1T4.

LOOKING TO OUR ROLE MODEL

As Christians, we are always called to seek ways of imitating Christ. The Catechism says that "in all of his life Jesus presents himself as our model. He is "the perfect man", who invites us to become his disciples and follow him." Jesus was also the perfect steward so we can constantly look to Him for guidance in our own commitment to stewardship.

However, many people may have reservations in trying to imitate Christ because it seems like an unattainable ideal. We may feel that Jesus, being God, doesn't know what it's like to struggle here on earth. However, this does not mean he didn't have to fight the same fight that we do in our path towards virtue. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin."

St. Paul beautifully shows us that Christ fully understands what our struggles and difficulties are. Although He never succumbed to temptations, He too would have faced the desire to despair or give up on His call to love and sacrifice for us. Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth. Stewardship is not an impossible ideal; we just need the strength and guidance of God.

Summary

As Christians who are called to imitate Christ, we may sometimes feel that Jesus, being God, doesn't know what it's like to struggle here on earth. However, St. Paul says, "we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin." Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth.

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



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