



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, OCTOBER 28TH
12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
of The Lingan Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
8:00 A.M. +Cresencia Dilao
Req. Helen Dadia

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
12:10 P.M. -----

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
8:00 A.M. +Aurelio V. Pineda
Req. The Henson Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
12:10 P.M. **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
10:00 A.M. **ALL SOULS' DAY**
+The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed

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

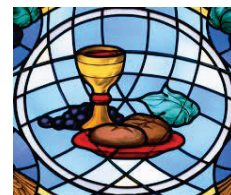
Saturday, October 26,
2024 at 6:15 pm, in-

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

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

This Sacrament is not only a sacrament of
love, but is love itself; it is God himself,
who for the immense love which he bears
his creatures, calls himself and is, love
itself.

- *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily
Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA:
Marian Press, 2023), 115



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.

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.



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.

RAISING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

As stewards, we are called to devote a portion of time every day to prayer. Prayer is what allows us to foster and deepen our relationship with God. However, we may sometimes be intimidated by prayer because we are unsure of what words to say or how to say them. We may seek to use complicated and inorganic formulas instead of simply praying in our own natural way.

Today's Gospel shows us that we don't really need to have our "act together" before we begin to pray. In the passage from Mark, we see the blind man Bartimaeus simply sitting on the roadside, yelling at Jesus in pure desperation. His posture probably wasn't reverent, his words not exactly eloquent, yet it was the most earnest prayer that he could have possibly made.

St. Therese of Lisieux says, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." This simple look towards Heaven is what Bartimaeus fully embodied and is what we too are called to imitate as stewards. Whenever we are in a difficult moment and feel that we cannot pray, let our prayer simply be to raise our minds to God and contemplate His goodness. In times of joy, perhaps our prayer is just to sit before the tabernacle with a spirit of genuine gratitude for all of our blessings. Let us strive to turn to prayer in all circumstance for these moments are very pleasing to God.

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