# 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, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 12:10 P.M. +Alphonse Benusis

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

- 8:00 A.M +Deceased Members of the Pereira & DSouza Families
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 12:10 P.M. +Michael Gestrin Req. Helen Hicks

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Maria de Gloria Gaertner Req. Adriana Gaertner

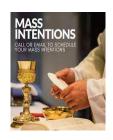
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Edgardo Dadia Req. Helen Dadia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 A.M. +Martin Makabali Req. Connie Makabali

#### 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 stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on December 6th, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u>. All parishioners are welcome!



### (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class will take place on <u>Saturday, December 14,</u>

**2024** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church**. (The third of six classes will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025.) For more information and the schedule of classes, please



contact the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

#### Archdiocesan–Wide Advent Day of Confessions St. Monica's Parish, December 16 to 21, 2024

Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 4.40 p.m.



#### 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).

#### ShareLife-funded agencies turn no one away

Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until

#### St. ShareLife

year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to

a total of \$500,000. Did you know no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your compassionate and generous heart. Through your support, ShareLife agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Thank you for living the Gospel!

#### A NEW SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church. Essentially, Advent is a season of stewardship.

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall, Jesus says to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times when we have failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

From: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Stewardship Reflections, Year C.

#### 2024 Donation Tax Receipts

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use numbered donation envelopes to please print clearly your name and mailing address on the envelopes that you use during this month of December so that we can update our tax receipt mailing list. Donations received until December 31, 2024 will be included in your tax receipt for 2024. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register online at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

#### SAINT MONICA'S PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

<u>Monday, December 23, 2024</u> Confession 11:40 a.m. to 12 noon & Mass 12:10 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, December 24, 2024</u> Confession 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. & Mass 8:00 a.m. (This is the regular Weekday Mass.)

#### \*NATIVITY OF THE LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION\*

CHRISTMAS EVE: TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 2024 VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25, 2024 MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. No Confessions. Parish Office will be closed.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024 - Boxing Day Confession 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. & Mass at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Fri. December 27 to Mon. December 30, 2024</u> Regular Schedule for Confession and for Weekday & Weekend Masses

<u>Tuesday, December 31, 2024</u> Confession 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. & Mass 8:00 a.m. (This is the regular Weekday Mass.)

#### \*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION\*

NEW YEAR'S EVE: TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 2024 VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. No Confessions. Parish Office will be closed.

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES ON THURS., JANUARY 2, 2025.

