



# 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/

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Marian Jardine  
Req. Helen Hicks

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. -----

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Renata Spielmann &  
+Henry Spielmann  
Req. Moira Spielmann

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Don Bertrand  
Req. Karen Bertrand

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Nuala Ward

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Lolita Dadia  
Req. Helen Dadia

(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION  
CATECHETICAL CLASS

The *First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church. (The fourth 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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



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

Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. &  
4:00 p.m. to 4.40 p.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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on January 3rd, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). All parishioners are welcome!



2024-2025 REGISTRATION OPEN

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).

Your compassion brings love and care to our brothers and sisters

Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our



parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here’s how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency: “Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite.” Thank you for your ongoing support.

**SEASON FOR EVANGELIZATION**

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.

Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. Saint Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Summary

In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

*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.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.org). Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

**SAINT MONICA'S PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025**

**Monday, December 23, 2024**

***Confession 11:40 a.m. to 12 noon & Mass 12:10 p.m.***

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

***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 6:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25, 2024**

**MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

*No Confessions. Parish Office closed.*

**Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024 - Boxing Day**

*No Confessions. Mass at 10:00 a.m.*

**Fri. December 27 to Mon. December 30, 2024**

***Regular Schedule for Confession and for Weekday & Weekend Masses***

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

***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 6:00 P.M.**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025**

**MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

*No Confessions. Parish Office is closed.*

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

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