



# 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/

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Léon & Juana Bonilla  
Req. The Bonilla Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Fr. Teofilo Rustia  
Req. Corazon Ouveros

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Maxima Gonzales  
Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
Req. Amleset & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Max DSouza

**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.

**(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION 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).



**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).



**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!*



**ShareLife** **Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.**  
*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.*

“If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way.” – Kelly Mackenzie, *Silent Voice*. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**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 closed.*

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

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

**AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” These are the beautiful words that we hear from Saint Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that, “comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

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

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