



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/

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH
12:10 P.M. +Deceased Members of
The Yusi Family
Req. Merlinda Yusi

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
8:00 A.M. -----

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH
12:10 P.M. +Phil Vaswani
Req. Vicky Lozada

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH
8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH
12:10 P.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone
Req. Diluni Halahackone

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH
10:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

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
February 7th, 2025 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!

FIRST RECONCILIATION SESSIONS

We have scheduled eleven sessions for students to receive their First Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:50 pm starting January 18th, ending on March 29th. Please pray for the students as they prepare to receive this sacrament.



FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

The **First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church**. (The fifth of six classes will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2025.) For more information and the schedule of classes, please contact the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or stmonicatoronto@gmail.com

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR

2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Registration is open for the 2025 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org for the online registration form. Registration closes on March 26, 2025.



RCIA 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).



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.



Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus, a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.



www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE SUNDAY MASS

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at Marriage Sunday Mass on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Reserved seating is limited; only for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary, at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Livestream will be at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our

hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

BECOMING ROLE MODELS

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.

Firstly, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship.

Summary

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we should first realize that Jesus didn't need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandal others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

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

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