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, JANUARY 27TH 12:10 P.M. +Madilyn Ocasion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH 8:00 A.M. ------

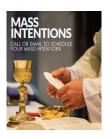
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH 12:10 P.M. For All Babies and For An End to Abortion Req. Marian Pereira

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH 8:00 A.M. ------

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST 12:10 P.M. +Guenther Feucht Req. The Carrique Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 10:00 A.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone Req. Diluni Halahackone

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> 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 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 <u>6:15</u> <u>pm, in-person in the church</u>. (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 <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>

<u>REGISTRATION OPEN FOR</u> 2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Registration is open for the 2025 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish



website: <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u> for the online registration form. Registration closes

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).





on March 26, 2025.

We need <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,



contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org

FREE Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

3. send an email to:

2. follow this QR link: grco.de/WebFeb01



<u>Development@ArchToronto.org</u> and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special 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 <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u>. Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Livestream: <u>https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/</u>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

EMBRACING OUR UNIQUENESS

In today's second reading, St. Paul teaches us a great lesson that can enrich our lives of stewardship. He says, "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are made up of many different body parts that each have their own important and distinct role to play in order for the entire body to live. It is the same way in the Church.

The Church is made up of many individuals who are all uniquely and wonderfully made. If we tried to change ourselves to become like someone else, we would be robbing the Church of our own unique contributions. St. Therese uses a beautiful image of a garden to express the importance of embracing who God made us to be. She says, "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

In our lives of stewardship, these different types of flowers represent how all of us have our own unique set of gifts from God. When we recognize that we each have our own strengths, we are less likely to compare ourselves to others and we begin to rid ourselves of envy and pride. We all have a role to play in our parish communities. Let us gratefully acknowledge the unique gifts God has given us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

SUMMARY

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that just as the body is made up of many individual parts, so too the church is made up of many individual disciples, all of which have an important role to play. We each have a unique set of gifts and talents that God has bestowed only on us. Let us gratefully acknowledge these unique gifts us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

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

