



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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
12:10 P.M. -----

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions
of Gloria Gillego

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
12:10 P.M. -----

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
12:10 P.M. +Aurelio Pineda
Req. The Henson Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
10:00 A.M. +Mary Sandanam
Req. The Sandanam 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

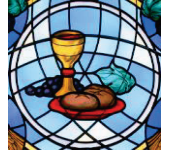
will take place on February 7th, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

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.



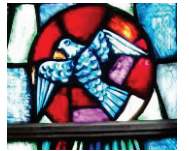
FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

The *First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place on **Saturday, February 25, 2025** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church**. (The sixth of six classes will take place on Saturday, March 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.

Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you, 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:



2. follow this QR link:

qrco.de/WebFeb01

3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org

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

www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Livestream:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

JUBILEE 2025 OPENING MASSES – CENTRAL REGION

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Jubilee 2025 Opening Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. All Masses begin at 7:00 p.m. Confessions are available from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm.

-Feb. 12th, St. Paul's Basilica, by Bishop Robert Kasun

-Feb. 20th, St. Mary's Church, by Bishop Robert Kasun,

Feb. 25th, St. Edward the Confessor Church, by Cardinal Francis Leo



LABOURING FOR THE STEWARD'S GREAT REWARD

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We reflect on Joseph and Mary taking the child Jesus up to the temple and the prophet Simeon taking the child into his arms. Simeon was an elderly prophet in Jerusalem to whom it had been revealed that "he would not see death before he had seen the Christ" (Luke 2: 26). After labouring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with the gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes.

The reward of Simeon is the reward awaiting all of Christ's faithful stewards. The reward of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven. The USCCB write in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*, "What is the reward to which good stewards can look forward? The answer is perfect fulfillment in God's Kingdom." It is in God's Kingdom that we will enjoy the beatific vision for all eternity.

So when the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we are tempted to despair, let us remember the reward of Simeon that awaits the faithful steward. This remembrance should help us increase our labours of love for God and the Church for we know that we are not doing it for any other purpose than unity with God for all eternity. This is the goal of our Christian lives.

Summary: After labouring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with the gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes. The reward of Simeon is the reward awaiting all of Christ's faithful stewards. So when the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we're tempted to despair, let us remember the reward that awaits us of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven.

* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, 2002.

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

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