



# 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/](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/)

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
The Sandanam Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. Personal Intentions of  
Patrick Morrison

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Anne Ryan  
Req. Mary Nicholas

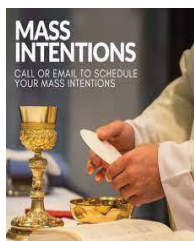
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
Ahana Pardhe Furtado

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Nicola Pierni  
Req. Eric Pierni

SATURDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Rosemary & Robert Azzopardi  
Req. Karen Azzopardi

## 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 March 7th, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church, after the Stations of the Cross. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).  
**All parishioners are welcome!**



## ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5, 2025

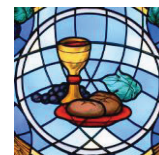
Masses will be at 12:10 & 6:00 p.m.



The *in-person* STATIONS of THE CROSS will be held every Friday *in the church* at 6:00 p.m., starting March 7th and concluding on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Good Friday). *All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.*

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, ending on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the students as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

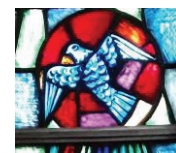


## FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

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](mailto: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](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org) for the online registration form. **Registration closes on March 26, 2025**. ROC candidates must attend the Enrollment Mass on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.



**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).



**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. 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's Church, by Bishop Robert Kasun*  
*Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Edward the Confessor Church, by Cardinal Francis Leo*

**Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat**  
**St. Augustine's Seminary, March 14-16, 2025**



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m. This retreat, which offers a way to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary. Register online: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

**PRAYING FOR OUR ENEMIES**

In the face of today's secular culture, various Christian values may seem far too radical or outdated. Many people, with well-meaning intentions, may think that "being good" is all that matters in this life. However, the Gospel responds with the challenge to be more than good, but rather, to be holy. One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies.

In the time of Jesus, and even to this day, the notion of loving those who wrong us or hurt us seems like an impossible ideal. We often have a hard time loving those whom we should naturally love. How then are we expected to love our enemies? We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them but it begins with small acts of prayer.

We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don't go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. For example, perhaps we can pray one Hail Mary a day for God to bless the family and work life of those whom we find it difficult to love. We can always look to the example of Christ on the cross, who boldly prayed for those who crucified him. Let us strive to be stewards of God's love and mercy.

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



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 at (416) 483-1513 or [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



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