



# 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/

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Danilo Pangindian  
Req. The Pangindian Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Irene L. Kukola  
Req. The Lagdameo Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Yvonne George-Boateng  
Req. Fay Rodriguez

THURSDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. -----

SATURDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. -----

### 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).



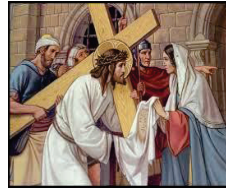
### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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!**



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

### FIRST RECONCILIATION SESSIONS

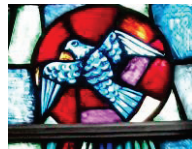
We have scheduled eleven sessions for students to receive their First Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:50 pm starting January 18<sup>th</sup>, ending on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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, March 22, 2025** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church.**



### 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 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).



**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:

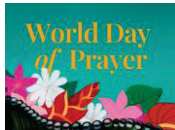
[www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

**Your love is a guiding light during Lent**



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The churches of Leaside and North Toronto will be holding a World Day of Prayer service on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at St. Cuthbert's



Anglican Church, 1399 Bayview Avenue. This year's service was written by the women of the Cook Islands and was inspired by Psalm 139: "I made you wonderful" All are welcome.



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).

**GIVING OUR FIRST FRUITS THIS LENT**

As we enter into this Season of Lent, let us reflect on how we can best use this time to grow in our relationship with God and our commitment to stewardship. In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people saying that when they come to give their offerings to God, they should "bring the first of the fruit of the ground." The Lord wants our very best, not what we have leftover.

This is very true in our lives as stewards. It's definitely good to offer up our time and talents to our parish community. However, do we only give from what we have remaining after all of our other priorities are taken care of? To serve the Gospel should always be of prime importance.

One Lenten resolution we can adopt to help us offer our "first fruits" is the practice of scheduling our time of prayer in advance. Prayer should not be an afterthought that we try to squeeze in when we have time. Instead, we should block out a chunk of time each day that is free from all other competing distractions and is reserved only for our conversation with God. Let us strive to create a scheduled prayer life this Lent, perhaps starting with 10 minutes a day. If we do so, we will see great wonders take place in our relationship with God and others.

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



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