



# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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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/)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone  
and +Elmo Mitchell  
Req. Diluni Halahackone

TUESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
Req. Amleset & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Mickey Spillane

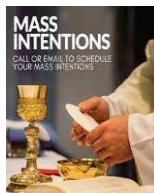
THURSDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Paul Medon  
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Kevin Quinto  
Req. The Quinto 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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



### 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).

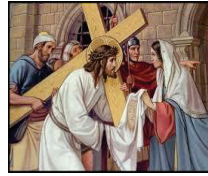


### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Registration is open for the 2025 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program.

Please visit [www.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.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.

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 FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on April 4<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.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.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 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.**

### LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**MARCH 31 to APRIL 5, 2025**

MONDAY, MARCH 31	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, APRIL 1	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5	9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4:40 P.M.



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).

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

(There is no 8 a.m. Mass.)

**8:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WASHING OF FEET

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**ADORATION FOR ONE HOUR AFTER THE MASS**

**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

(There is no 11:40 a.m. Confession & 12:10 p.m. Mass.

The Parish Office is closed.)

**3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD**

LITURGICAL SERVICE

EUCCHARIST

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

**6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

(There is no 9:30 a.m. Confession & 10 a.m. Mass.

There is no 4:00 p.m. Confession & 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**8:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**EASTER SUNDAY of the**

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. MASS**

**EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

**11:40 A.M. CONFESSION & 12:10 P.M. MASS**

(The Parish Office is closed.)

Regular Mass & Office Schedule Resumes Tues., April 22, 2025.



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**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/comeese](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeese).



**ASCENDING & DESCENDING THE MOUNTAIN**

Every Second Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration of Christ. This passage describes how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John, and was transfigured before them, revealing His divine glory. The apostles, although wanting to stay upon the mountain, are brought back down into the real world. These two movements, of ascent and descent, are critical in the lives of stewards.

Firstly, we too are invited to ascend the heights of mountain-top spiritual experiences. To ascend the mountain is to take some time away from the noise of the world to experience the glory and majesty of Christ. Sometimes this involves large mountains such as attending retreats or conferences. However, we can also ascend the mountain every time we turn to prayer and build up our relationship with God. All these moments are essential in keeping our faith alive and active.

However, this is where the second aspect of descent becomes so important. Unless we are called to live as a brother or sister in a contemplative religious order, we are not called to always remain tucked away in retreats or prayer. Instead, we are called to be strengthened through our mountaintop experiences so that we will have the grace to go out into the world and spread the Gospel. This Lent, let us take some time to be nourished on the mountain so that we will be all the more ready to proclaim the Good News.

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



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