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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST
12:10 P.M. Maurice, Eileen & John Fitzpatrick
Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST
8:00 A.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone
and +Elmo Mitchell
Req. Diluni Halahackone

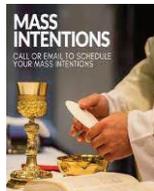
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND
12:10 P.M. +Giuseppina Marchesano
Req. The Marchesano Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD
8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH
12:10 P.M. +Stasia & Henry Ciapowie
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
10:00 A.M. For the Protection of the Unborn,
the guidance & blessings on their parents, and
for the little souls and other victims of these
tragic situations be saved by the mercy of Our
Lord & Saviour.
Req. Patrick Morrison

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.*



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

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

Please visit 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

SAINT MONICA'S PARISH

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.

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 18th, 2025 (Good Friday). *All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.*



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on April 4th, 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

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.



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).



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 17TH, 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 18TH, 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 19TH, 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.)

8:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY of the

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 20TH, 2025

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

EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 21ST, 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.



We are pleased to announce that the *Journey through Lent* video series is available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops website --- www.cccb.ca/lent.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Like the forgiving father of Luke’s Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.



www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org

APPROACHING THE MERCY OF GOD

This Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God’s mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.

However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that “while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.”

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son “while he was still far off.” This means that he must’ve spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs. As stewards, we shouldn’t fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us.... Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity of the Archdiocesan Lenten Day of Reconciliation for healing, and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

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

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday: ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. ShareLife is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way. As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick’s life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd. “By the grace of God, I am still alive,” he proclaims. “I’d love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me....” Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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