# **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Bill Broadhurst

Req. Erin Carrique

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Abey Michael

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH

12:10 P.M. +Loretta Robertson

Req. Judy & Martin Bishop

THURSDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Jovita Muller

Req. Gloria Gillego & Eva Jacob

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH

12:10 P.M. Karolina & Michael Medon

Req. Margaret Medon

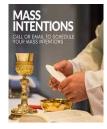
SATURDAY, APRIL 11<sup>™</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Marilyn Matthews

Req. Cindy Matthews & The Matthews Family

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to <u>Offer a</u> <u>Weekday Mass</u>, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to <u>stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</u>.



#### ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

## ST. MONICA'S PARISH MARCH 31 to APRIL 5, 2025

MONDAY, MARCH 31
TUESDAY, APRIL 1
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
FRIDAY, APRIL 4
SATURDAY, APRIL 5

11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
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9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. &
4:00 P.M. TO 4:40 P.M.

#### **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

Adoration for one hour after the Mass

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025
(There is no 11:40 a.m. Confession & 12:10 p.m. Mass.

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The Parish Office is closed.)

3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL SERVICE EUCHARIST

**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.)

8:00 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.

The in-person <u>STATIONS of THE CROSS</u> 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, visit <u>www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org</u> **All parishioners are welcome!** 



#### 2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Rite of Confirmation (ROC) classes take place online.



The first two of six virtual classes will take place <u>online</u> on April 29th & April 30th, 2025 at <u>4:00 pm sharp</u>. For more information & the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish

website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



### **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).

#### You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



We are pleased to announce that the <u>Journey through Lent</u> video series is available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic

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



We need <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> 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 <a href="mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com">stmonicatoronto@gmail.com</a>.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune?



A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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.

## PRESSING ON TOWARDS THE GOAL

As we quickly approach Holy Week, let us take a moment to reflect on how we are using this time of Lent to renew our zeal for stewardship. In the second reading this Sunday, we hear Saint Paul say, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." We can learn a lot from this image of constantly moving forward towards the prize of our heavenly reward.

Stewardship is a lifelong journey made up of many individual decisions. The decision to wake up and recognize each day as a blessing from God. The decision to offer the gifts of our time and talents for the good of the parish community. The decision to practice a moment of patience and understanding when we are frustrated or annoyed. The decision to forgive someone who has wronged us even though it is difficult. The decision to pray and receive the sacraments in order to strengthen our lives through God's Grace.

As we strive to make positive decisions, let us not be discouraged when we fall or face setbacks in our ministry. Saint John Paul II says that, "life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Any adventure is sure to have mountains and valleys, but what God truly desires is that we simply keep pressing forward. Saint Teresa of Calcutta said that, "God does not require that we be successful, only that we be faithful." Let us strive to be faithful stewards as we journey towards our heavenly goal.

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