

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Irene L. Kukola  
Req. The Lagdameo Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Req. Parishioner

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
Alicia Gillego  
Req. Gloria Gillego

THURSDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone  
and +Elmo Mitchell  
Req. Diluni Halahackone

FRIDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

12:10 P.M. Living & Deceased Members  
of the Medon Family  
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project

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If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or email [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).

Having a Mass said for a specific intention, whether for a living or deceased person, is a way to offer prayers and graces for that person or need. It's a way to ask for divine intercession through the powerful act of the Mass, which is seen as the highest form of prayer.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, visit [www.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.org)  
**All parishioners are welcome!**



## 2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

The Rite of Confirmation (ROC) classes take place online. The first two of six virtual classes will take place online on April 29th & April 30th, 2025



at **4:00 pm sharp**. For more information & the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website: [www.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.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).



# THANK YOU!

## Volunteer Appreciation Week: Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>

This year's theme, "Volunteers Make Waves", is reflected in John 7:38 "Rivers of living water will flow from within him." We thank our volunteers who serve the St. Monica's Parish community with generosity and commitment!

## EUCCHARISTIC GEMS

The heavenly sacrifice, instituted by Christ, is the most gracious legacy of his new covenant. On the night he was delivered up to be crucified, he left us this gift as a pledge of his abiding presence. This sacrifice is our sustenance on life's journey; by it we are nourished and supported along the road of life....

- Saint Gaudentius of Brescia

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 152

**Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy**

**You ensure a brighter future  
for at-risk children**



As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency that you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

***The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4.***

We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel!

**Second Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025**

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca); [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**JUBILEE PRAYER 2025**

Father in heaven, may the **faith** you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the

blessed **hope** for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**The Liturgical Feast of Divine Mercy**  
**HOMILY (excerpt) from**  
**POPE FRANCIS**

This is the joy that Jesus brings. It is the joy that we too feel whenever we experience his forgiveness. He gives us his peace, through a good Confession, through the words of someone who draws near to us, through an interior consolation of the Spirit, or through some unexpected and surprising event... In any number of ways, God shows that he wants to make us feel the embrace of his mercy, the joy born of receiving “pardon and peace”. The joy God gives is indeed born of forgiveness. It bestows peace. It is a joy that raises us up without humiliating us. Brothers and sisters, let us think of all those times when we received the pardon and peace of Jesus. Each one of us has received them; each one of us has had that experience. It is good for us to remember those moments. Let us put the memory of God’s warm embrace before the memory of our own mistakes and failings. In this way, we will grow in joy. For nothing will ever be the same for anyone who has experienced God’s joy! It is a joy that transforms us.

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them”. These words stand at the origin of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but not only. Jesus has made the entire Church a community that dispenses mercy, a sign and instrument of reconciliation for all humanity. Brothers and sisters, each of us, in baptism, received the gift of the Holy Spirit to be a man or woman of reconciliation. Whenever we experience the joy of being set free from the burden of our sins and failings; whenever we know at firsthand what it means to be reborn after a situation that appeared hopeless, we feel the need to share with those around us the bread of mercy. Let us feel called to this. And let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills? Jesus wants us to be his witnesses before the world with those words: Peace be with you!

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/documents/20220424-omelia-divina-misericordia.html>