

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 5TH

12:10 P.M. +Domingo Tapay
+Waldetrudes Tapay &
+Wyda Chua
Req. Hazelle Tapay

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH

8:00 A.M. +Miro Sabatini
Req. Alicia Sabatini

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

12:10 P.M. +Sybil & Bernard Lewis
Req. Joanna Lewis

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

8:00 A.M. +Justin Olabode Emanuel
Req. Lydia Emanuel

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

12:10 P.M. +Yvonne George-Boateng
Req. Fay Rodriguez

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

10:00 A.M. +Agnes Brigid Daniels &
+Sister Carmencita Correia, O.C.
Req. The Gruber Family



2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

The Rite of Confirmation (ROC) classes take place online. The next two

virtual classes will take place online on May 6th & May 7th, 2025 at **4:00 pm sharp**.

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).



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Having a Mass said for a specific intention, whether for a living or

deceased person, is a way to offer prayers & graces for that person or need. It is a way to ask for divine intercession through the powerful act of the Mass, which is the highest form of prayer.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on May 2nd, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org
All parishioners are welcome!



EUCCHARISTIC GEMS

Concerning Holy Communion, I hardly dare to say anything, because of the majesty of so great a Lord who is contained therein. Consider that you are approaching God, before whom all majesty becomes insignificant and all wisdom vanishes. Yet because he is of unbounded goodness, he not only kindly waits for you, but – what is more – calls you to himself, so that he may cleanse and sanctify your inner being by the sharing of himself.

- Saint Stanislaus Papczyński

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 89

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.



ShareLife: Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

On the second **ShareLife Sunday**, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025



How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or 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.



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.

LEARNING TO TRULY LOVE CHRIST

In the Gospel this Sunday, we are called to reflect on the rich and important exchange where Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” Firstly, it is important to note the original translation of this passage. The first time Jesus asks Peter, he uses the word “agape,” which is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love. The same type of love that Jesus has for us. However, in Peter’s response, he uses the word “philia,” which is the love between friends. Although philia is still beautiful, it isn’t raised to the same heights of agape. This same exchange of agape and philia occurs the second time Jesus asks Peter.

However, when Jesus asks the third time, it is He who uses the word philia, asking Peter if he can love Him as a friend. This is why it says Peter felt hurt, because it seemed like Jesus lowered the standard for the type of love Peter was called to. However, the beautiful reality is that Jesus instead understands and meets Peter at the level of love he’s currently comfortable with. Yet Jesus doesn’t desire Peter to remain at that level. He goes on to foretell the kind of death he would one day suffer, signifying that he would one day be able to love Jesus agape.

Jesus does the same in the lives of all of His stewards. He desires all of us to love Him unconditionally, yet He meets us where we currently are and helps us to slowly advance in love. Let us always seek to love Christ and His Church and pray this simple prayer, “Jesus I love you, help me to love you more each day.”

SUMMARY When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term “agape,” signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, “philia,” the love of friends. However, by the third time, it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him, philia, which, rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we are comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the Church.

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