

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 28TH

12:10 P.M. +Irene Luna
Req. Gloria Gillego

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH

8:00 A.M. +Kevin Quinto
Req. The Quinto Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH

12:10 P.M. +Patricia Noe
Req. Renée, Denise & Mary MacCarthy

THURSDAY, JULY 31ST

8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
Teresa Debuque

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

12:10 P.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone
and +Elmo Mitchell
Req. Diluni Halahackone

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

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

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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

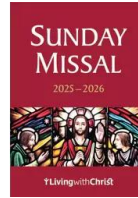
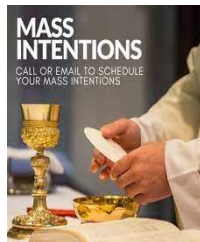
Having a Mass said for a specific
intention, whether for a living or
deceased person, is a way to offer prayers & graces for
that person or need. It is a way to ask for divine
intercession through the powerful act of the Mass,
which is the highest form of prayer.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on August 1st,
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!



ORDERS ACCEPTED UNTIL AUG. 3RD FOR 2025-2026 SUNDAY MISSAL

If you would like to have your own
copy of the 2025-2026 Sunday Missal,
please put **your \$5 cash or cheque**
(payable to St. Monica's Parish)

donation in an envelope marked **"2026 SUNDAY**
MISSAL" with your name & phone number and/or
email address so we can contact you when your
missal is ready for pickup. Kindly drop your donation
in the collection basket or through the mail slot on
the parish office door on or before Sunday, Aug. 3rd.



St. Monica's Feast Day
August 27, 2025
Celebrate 119 years
with us!

Please join us in praying the **Novena to Saint**
Monica during Mass from August 18th to 26th,
2025. The novena prayer is posted on our
website (www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

On St. Monica's Feast Day, August 27th the Mass
will be offered specifically for the conversion of
souls. If you are praying for the conversion of
someone you know, you can submit their names
as follows:

1. Submit their names through the online form
in our parish website:
www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.
2. Send a list of the names by email to
stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.
3. Prepare a list of their names, and place your
list in the basket provided in the church foyer.
You can submit names starting on Saturday,
August 9th, until **before** the 12:10 pm Mass on
Saint Monica's Feast Day, Wednesday, August
27th, during which all the names will be offered.
4. Drop off your list of names through the mail
slot of the parish office.
5. Mail your list of names to St. Monica's Parish,
44 Broadway Ave., Toronto, ON M4P 1T4.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed. Mass will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto. Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun. In the event of rain, Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish.



RCIA 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).



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 (416) 483-1513 or stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

You ensure that our Grandparents & the Elderly feel valued



On World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly, your kindness improves the well-being of those who have given us so much. Through your loving support, ShareLife agencies like Society of Sharing ensure that seniors are embraced by social connection and continue to feel valued in our community. "Through your compassion and generosity, you have rekindled the hope of some of the most vulnerable seniors in the city. On behalf of all of the staff, volunteers and clients of Society of Sharing, thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife." – Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, Society of Sharing. *Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 27, 2025



"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine
August 24, 2025



All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Toronto's Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on Sunday, August 24th, 2025 with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. The program will include opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mass with Cardinal Leo, a rosary procession, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Fellowship. Please visit: Archdiocese of Toronto - Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine.

PRAYER

The readings this week remind us of the importance of perseverance in prayer. The first reading tells us about how Abraham prayed to God for the sake of Sodom and Gomorrah because God was going to destroy the cities for their sins. Abraham bargained with God, asking him to spare the cities if God would find even just ten holy people there. Abraham was able to speak to God in an intimate and sincere fashion because he had a relationship with God. Abraham was aware of the awesome power that God had, but like friends speaking to each other, Abraham was able to ask the Lord for mercy on the people.

The Lord wants us to persevere in prayer. Jesus teaches us this lesson again through the story he presents in the Gospel. When the first friend in the story approaches the second in the middle of the night for food, the second listens because of the relationship that they have and because of the persistence of the first. When Jesus teaches the disciples the "Our Father," he shows us that God is not a distant God. Rather, he is close to us and cares for us with a Father's love. Like any good father, God will give to his children what they ask for, just as long as it is for the well-being and salvation of themselves and others.

Do we see God as our Father? Do we go to him with all our problems and needs? Are we persistent in prayer like Abraham was? When we see ourselves as beloved children of God and learn to rely on God for our every need, our lives become transformed. This is the core of stewardship, to love and give to others out of gratitude for the love and gifts that God has given us. If we struggle with our identity as beloved children of God, let us take some time this week to reflect on this identity, and how as children of God, we are called to serve the Church out of love for God and neighbour.

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