

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH

12:10 P.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

8:00 A.M. +Patricia Noe
Req. Kathy Sharkey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

12:10 P.M. +William Ryder

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST

8:00 A.M. +Paquito Makabali
Req. Connie Makabali

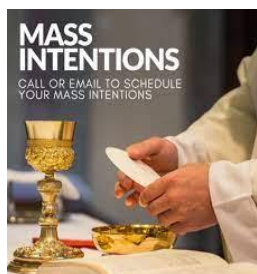
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND

12:10 P.M. Living and Deceased Members
of The Strozik Family
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
Shannon, John & Valerie
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 September 5th, 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!



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).

Participate in our [parish picture-taking](#) after the 5 pm Mass on Aug. 23rd, and the 9 & 11 am Masses on Aug. 24th. *Wear something blue - any shade of blue will do!*

On Saint Monica's Feast Day, Wednesday, August 27th, 2025, the 12:10 pm 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.



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!***

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..." 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 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 24, 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.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Although Jesus is the Lord of peace, Jesus never promised us that the life of a Christian disciple would be easy or peaceful. In fact, the Gospel tells us that Jesus comes not to bring peace, but division, to set the world on fire. This division comes from those who reject the teachings of Jesus and refers to the way in which the Gospel will divide those who accept or reject it.

Jesus was aware that those who would follow him would face opposition from the people around them. Not everyone is keen to hear the message of the Gospel, and as a result, some pushback and resistance is expected. This happened throughout the entire history of Israel, and in the first reading, we observe how even the prophets were rejected and persecuted. Moreover, we read how certain men hated Jeremiah for his teachings and sought to put him to death. If the people rejected and persecuted the prophets, the disciples, and Jesus himself, then we too must be ready for similar treatment.

Despite the challenges however, we can take heart in knowing that God does not abandon the faithful who are persecuted for his sake. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us to consider how much opposition Jesus endured, and to keep our eyes fixed on him when we ourselves encounter similar challenges. As we live a life of stewardship, let us make sure to frequent the Lord in prayer to seek his help in our own struggles. If we aren't spending time with Jesus in prayer, let us make an earnest effort to spend a few minutes each day with the Lord, asking for his strength to courageously face every challenge that comes our way.

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