

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
Nicola & Raffaella & Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

8:00 A.M. In Honour of Our Lady of Visora
Req. Raffaella Sacco

SAINT MONICA'S FEAST DAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

12:10 P.M. **MASS FOR THE
CONVERSION OF SOULS**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

8:00 A.M. In Honour of Saint Augustine
and Saint Monica
Req. Raffaella Sacco

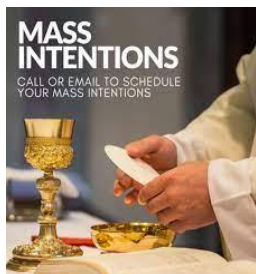
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

12:10 P.M. +William Ryder

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

10:00 A.M. +Elizabeth & William Sparnicht
Req. Laurie & David Coleman

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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).

Cardinal Leo Encourages You To Reach Out To Your Neighbor In Need

ShareLife

"We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggle just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold."

Please give generously and wholeheartedly through sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel.*

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 24, 2025**



The Lord is calling people from the East and West and from North and South as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them? 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 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](https://www.archtoronto.org/pilgrimage-to-martyrs-shrine).

THE NARROW PATH

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." This teaching of Jesus is a hard one to wrestle with in a world that is consumed with comfort and luxury. People don't want to hear about sacrifice, denial of self, and teachings that are uncomfortable to preach. Many would rather live their lives in the way they see fit while simultaneously hoping to reap the benefits of heaven.

This form of 'Christianity' where everyone is saved with little to no effort is a fantasy that encourages a life contrary to the Gospel. As much as we may wish for this to be the case, the readings today remind us that following Jesus is about taking up our cross and following him. To be authentic disciples and stewards, we must heed the words of St. Paul to the Hebrews and be willing to subject ourselves to the discipline of the Lord. We must strive to be humble like Jesus, gladly taking up our cross and following him.

Let us not walk the path that is broad and smooth, with many comforts and luxuries along the way, for this is the path that leads to destruction. Rather, let us strive to be like the saints and walk the narrow path, which is hard and difficult but leads to life everlasting with the Lord. As stewards, we are called to give of ourselves and to be willing to travel this narrow path. One way to do this is through sacrifice and fasting. Let us take up the practice this week of offering some comfort up to the Lord so that we can better orient ourselves to the narrow path of life.

SUMMARY: In a world consumed with comfort, no one wants to hear the Gospel message of the narrow path, a path full of sacrifice, self-denial, and carrying one's cross. However, this is the life that God calls his disciples to live, to travel the hard and narrow path, following our Lord who waits for us at the end. As we take up practices of self-denial and sacrifice, we become more like Jesus and are better suited to travel the narrow path, rather than the broad and easy path of destruction.

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