MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
12:10 P.M. +Baby Yohan & Healing of
His Parents
Req. Christoph Lee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
8:00 A.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone
and +Elmo Mitchell
Reg. Diluni Halahackone

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
12:10 P.M. +Juliana Fabunan Gonzales
Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales

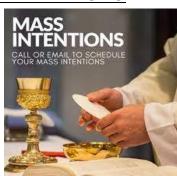
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
12:10 P.M. +Barbara Florczyk
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children
Req. Masses for Life Project

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to:



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 in the church on October 3rd, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit



www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

All parishioners are welcome!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST (FRFE) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open to all students who have not received their First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Eucharist (Communion). The registration form and schedule are available through the parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025.

<u>REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR</u> RCIA 2025-2026

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 <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> 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.

EUCHARISTIC GEMS

When we receive Holy Communion, we receive our joy and happiness.
- Saint John Vianney

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 61

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

St. 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 <u>sharelife.org/donate</u> or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel*.

Stewardship Sunday is on September 21, 2025! As

stewards, God has given us many diverse gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our parish community.

Consider sharing your God-given gifts with your parish by joining a parish ministry that speaks to your heart. Contact your parish office to learn more about the opportunities



currently available. What gifts has God given you? To help you to reflect on this question, we will be sharing a homily by Cardinal Frank Leo on Stewardship Sunday. Please read this stewardship homily by Cardinal Frank Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others. See: https://rb.gy/b6oohy

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 at 9:00 am

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- 1. scan the QR code
- 2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebSept27
- 3. send an email to: <u>Development@ArchToronto.org</u> and write "**webinar September 27**" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Donations of non-perishable goods for The Good Shepherd Ministries will be accepted until Sunday, Oct. 5th. Please drop your donations in the collection boxes in the church foyer. A list of items needed is

posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your support!

<u>LIFE CHAIN</u> is an annual prayerful & peaceful witness to the sanctity of



human life and the harm of abortion. Participants pray & hold non-graphic signs with messages such as, "Adoption, the Loving Option" at hundreds of locations across North America for 1 hour. Please join us on <u>Sun., Oct. 5th, 2025, 2 to 3 pm</u>, northeast corner of Yonge & Eglinton. Please visit: https://www.lifechain.org/. Thank you for your support.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Excerpt from Pope Francis' Homily

"If a Christian wants to make progress on the path of the Christian life, he must lower himself, as Jesus lowered himself: This is the path of humility," the Holy Father said during his Sept. 14 Mass. He said that while many beautiful images of the Crucifixion may help us meditate on the Lord's sacrifice, what happened was "very different" from what most paintings depict. The reality is that Christ "was all torn and bloodied by our sins," the Pope said.

In the first reading, from the Book of Numbers, the Lord's instructions for Moses to raise up the bronze serpent to save the people from the serpent's venom illustrates "a promise that is not easy to understand."

The Lord chose figure to prefigure Christ on the cross "because Jesus came to take all our sins on himself." Focusing on the second reading, Philippians 2:6-11, he said Christ died like "the greatest sinner, without having ever committed a sin." In the Gospel reading, John 3:13-17, "Jesus himself explained Moses' act a bit further to Nicodemus." Just as the prophet had "lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." It is through this image that we understand "this is the way that (Jesus) has taken in order to defeat the serpent in his field," he said.

If we ask God for help on our Christian journey, the Pope concluded, he "gives us the grace that we ask of Our Lady who was under the cross: the grace to cry, to cry out of love, to cry out of gratitude. Our God loved us so much that he sent his Son to lower himself and allow himself to be crushed in order to save us."

https://www.ncregister.com/news/as-the-cross-is-lifted-high-we-must-bring-ourselves-low-pope-francis-says