

OCTOBER 5, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Joey Padios  
Req. Marie Endaya

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart  
Req. Steve & Rita Gregory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Julia Del Mastro Braga  
Req. Viviane Café Marcal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Maria Maju Furtado  
Req. Jane Welch & Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Benito Samson Sta. Ana  
Req. The Sta. Ana Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

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

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*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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

**All parishioners are welcome!**



## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST (FRFE)

### REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL OCT. 5TH

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](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). **Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025.**



## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 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).



**LIFE CHAIN** 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 **Sun., Oct. 5th, 2025, 2 to 3 pm**, northeast corner of Yonge & Eglinton. Please visit: <https://www.lifechain.org/>.

**Thank you for your support.**



## 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!





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

"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](https://sharelife.org/donate) or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel.*



**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund  
Collection – October 4/5, 2025**

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The collection this weekend provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information, or to donate online, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).



**Marshall McLuhan Secondary School  
Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
1107 Avenue Road**

This evening provides an opportunity for Grade 8 students and their families to explore our vibrant community, our strong academic programs, commitment to faith, thriving arts, and athletic opportunities. All are welcome!

**BUNDLE UP COLLECTION**

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A truck will be parked outside the church to receive gently used clothes and household linens. Please refer to the bulletin board for more details.



**St. Augustine's Seminary, Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2025**

**Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years & older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, Oct. 31 at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2:00 p.m. This retreat, which offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflections. Register [vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](https://vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee). [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**THE GIFT OF FAITH**

How often do we pray to God for greater faith? The apostles in today's Gospel echo the words of Christians throughout the centuries, "increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. In a culture that demands the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner.

This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church claims that "faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (CCC 153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God.

By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, "I believe, help my unbelief." Let us then move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling.

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