

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – **Thanksgiving Day**  
**10:00 A.M.** +Bernard & Sybil Lewis  
Req. Joanna Lewis

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Mario Amorocchi  
Req. Alicia Sabatini

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Sandra Tucker  
Req. Helen Hicks

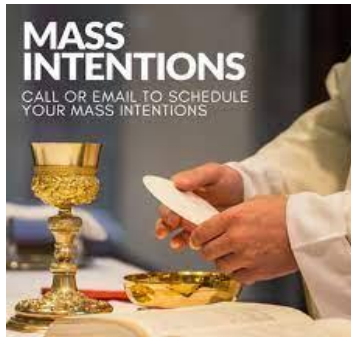
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +William Ryder

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of  
The Knobelsdorf Family  
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
Req. Amleset & 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.*

## (FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The ***First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class*** will take place on  
**Saturday, October 25, 2025** at  
**6:15 pm, in-person in the**  
**church**. For more information  
and the schedule of classes,  
please visit our Parish website:  
[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



## 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).



## 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.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place in the church on  
November 7, 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!***



## EUCCHARISTIC GEMS

The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives  
strength & meaning to all my activities of service  
to the Church & to the whole world.

- Pope St. John Paul II

*From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily  
Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA:  
Marian Press, 2023), 202*




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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).

### **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.*

### **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 [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee). Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



### **Archdiocese of Toronto - Office of Catholic Youth**

**RENEW TORONTO**, a conference for young adults, ages 19-39, will take place Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at Canada Event Centre (formerly Canada Christian College) in Whitby. The conference includes workshops, Confession, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & more. On Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, Mass and a social gathering with Frank Cardinal Leo will take place at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Registration closes November 5. [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org). [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org).



### **CULTIVATING GENEROUS GRATITUDE**

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he "prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him."

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

#### **SUMMARY**

The one leper who returned and prostrated himself before Jesus shows us the true model of gratitude towards God and neighbour because it required his effort, time and humility. When thanking God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank Him for the abundant gifts He lavishes upon us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation, or express our thanks by spending time with them.

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