

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

12:10 P.M. +Gregoria Mallari Makabali
Req. Connie Makabali

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

8:00 A.M. Ellen Qin & Family
Req. Patrick Morrison

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
Ellen Qin & For Her Living
and Deceased Family Members
Req. Patrick Morrison

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

8:00 A.M. +Francisca Endaya
Req. Marie Endaya

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

12:10 P.M. +Frances Gaudet & +Lilly O'Riley
Req. Tani Gaudet

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

10:00 A.M. +Narcisa Narciso
Req. Roy Narciso

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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.

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 November 7, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit www.stmonicastoronto.org.
All parishioners are welcome!



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The **First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.** (The third of six classes will take place on Saturday, December 13, 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).



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.



The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection Nov. 15 & 16, 2025

There will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust on the weekend of November 15/16, 2025. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly & disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active & independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities & medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.



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 or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel.*

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - November 9, 2025



Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

During the month of November, the faithfully departed will be remembered at each Mass. We are providing several alternatives for you to submit the names of your departed relatives and friends:

1. Submit the names through the online form at our website www.stmonicastoronto.org.
2. Send a list of the names by email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.
3. Prepare a list of the names and place your list in the basket provided in the church foyer *before* Mass starts. This basket will be available before all Masses during the month of November.
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 Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1T4.

LIVING AS HOPEFUL STEWARDS

What does it mean to hope in the Lord? The seven brothers and their mother depicted in the first reading from 2 Maccabees can help us understand what true hope looks like. As all of them are being tortured, one of the brothers boldly declares, "You dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life." In the midst of apparent sheer defeat, they remain steadfast in their hope.

Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope. As we begin to embrace the lens of stewardship and start striving to revitalize our parish communities through the gifts of our time and talents, we could unconsciously expect vast changes to occur over night. This could lead to discouragement as the desired results aren't coming about according to the timeline we had envisioned.

However, we should fight these temptations of discouragement and listen to the exhortation of Saint Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." We must also remember the words of Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* that states: "Stewardship is realistic ... What is important in life takes time." Let us continue to embrace the spirituality of stewardship with full hope that the Lord will greatly bless us and our parish community.

SUMMARY This Sunday we reflect on the strong hope displayed by the seven brothers in 2 Maccabees amidst their persecution. Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope and fighting the temptation to be discouraged when we don't see the desired results of our good works right away. Let us continue to serve God as we heed the advice of Saint Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

* Thomas Cardinal Collins, *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*. Available at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/pastoral-letter>

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