

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

12:10 P.M. +Ranjit & Manel Halahackone
and +Elmo Mitchell
Req. Diluni Halahackone

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

12:10 P.M. +Mabel Hamilton
Req. Ethel Fahey

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00 A.M. +Ricardo P. Balalilhe, Jr.
Req. Richen Balalilhe

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

12:10 P.M. +Brian Henry
Req. Ethel Fahey

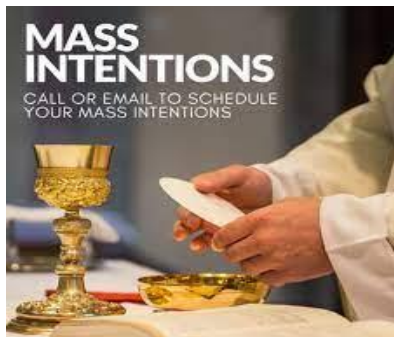
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

10:00 A.M. +Patricia McDormand
Req. Laurie Coleman

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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 December 5, 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 STILL 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.*



33RD Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 16, 2025

"By your endurance, you will gain your souls."

Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 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.

Contemplating Life and Death

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* asserts that, "the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities."

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life. Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that, "we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need."

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love, and worship God, and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

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* 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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