

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

12:10 P.M. +Frances Gaudet, + Val Gaudet,
and +Gertrude Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 A.M. +Pat Morrison
Req. Patrick Morrison

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:00 A.M. +Maria Da Gloria Fanha De Jesus
Req. Adriana Je. Gaertner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

12:10 P.M. +Martin Makabali
Req. Connie Makabali

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

10:00 A.M. +Rosemary & Robert Azzopardi
Req. Karen Azzopardi

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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.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

All parishioners are welcome!



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL CLASS

The **First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday,**

December 13, 2025 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.

(The **First Eucharist**

Catechetical Preparation Class will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2026.)



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.

ST. MONICA'S PARISH, DECEMBER 15 TO 20, 2025

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 15 TH	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. NOON
TUESDAY, DEC. 16 TH	7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17 TH	9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. NOON
FRIDAY, DEC. 19 TH	11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. NOON
SATURDAY, DEC. 20 TH	9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4:40 P.M.



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.*

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." 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

2025 Donation Tax Receipts

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use numbered donation envelopes to please print clearly your name and mailing address on the envelopes that you use during this month of December so that we can update our tax receipt mailing list. Donations received until December 31, 2025 will be included in your tax receipt for 2025. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register online at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. *Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!*

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." This exhortation doesn't imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, "in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives, which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Summary: Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

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