

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Edgardo Dadia  
Req. Helen Dadia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Sonia Onwuzu

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Maria Sardinha  
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Sonia Onwuzu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
Ann Marie Maroj-Gaya

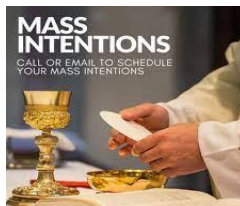
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Ramon Gonzales  
Req. Susan Gonzales

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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 December 5, 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!**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

After more than 12 years as pastor of St. Monica's Parish, Father Damian is moving to another parish effective Jan. 2, 2026. Send Father Damian your prayers and good wishes by writing them in the book provided in the church foyer or through the online form posted on the home page of our website:

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). Messages will be compiled and given to Father Damian at his last Mass on Jan. 1, 2026.

## (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.)



## ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE

### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

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

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

## 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](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!



### **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.



### **Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025**

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### **A STEWARDSHIP EXAMINATION**

Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* states that, "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

\*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx>

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

## **SAINT MONICA'S PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

### **DECEMBER 22, 2025 – JANUARY 1, 2026**

#### **Monday, December 22, 2025**

**Confession 11:40 a.m. to 12 noon & Mass 12:10 p.m.**

#### **Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

**Confession 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. & Mass 8:00 a.m.**

#### **Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**Confession 11:40 a.m. to 12 noon & Mass 12:10 p.m.**  
(This is the regular Weekday Mass.)

### **\*NATIVITY OF THE LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION\***

**CHRISTMAS EVE: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 2025**  
**VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 2025**  
**MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

**Friday, Dec. 26, 2025 - Boxing Day**  
**Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

*No Confessions. Parish Office closed.*

**December 27 to December 30, 2025**  
**Regular Schedule for Confession and for Weekday & Weekend Masses**

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**  
**Confession 11:40 a.m. to 12 noon & Mass 12:10 p.m.**  
(This is the regular Weekday Mass.)

### **\*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION\***

**NEW YEAR'S EVE: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 2025**  
**VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026**  
**MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

**REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES ON**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026.**