

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

12:10 P.M. +Tatiana Banergee
Req. Jasper Fatta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of
The Lagdameo Family
Req. Mitzi Lagdameo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

12:10 P.M. +Ion Bocsa
Req. Myrna & Liz Bocsa

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 P.M. **CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

11:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH – **Boxing Day**

10:00 A.M. +Mary Sandanam
Req. The Sandanam Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

10:00 A.M. Intentions of Sonia Onwuzu

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If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass,



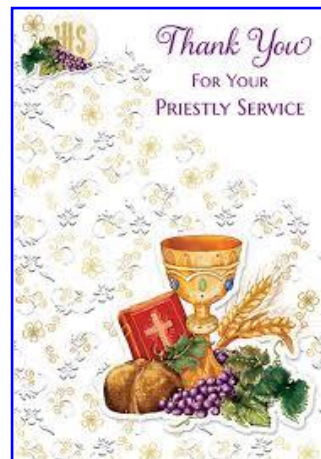
please call the Parish
Office at 416-483-1513
or send an email to:
stmonicatoronto@gmail.com

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.

THANK YOU, FATHER DAMIAN

After more than 12 years as pastor of St. Monica's Parish, Father Damian is moving to another parish effective January 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. Messages will be compiled and given to Father Damian at his last Mass at Saint Monica's on Thursday, January 1, 2026.

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, register online at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place in the church on January 2, 2026 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 Eucharist Catechetical Class

The **First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday, January 24, 2026** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church.**



**SAINT MONICA'S PARISH
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

Monday, December 22, 2025

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

(This is the regular Weekday Mass.)

***NATIVITY OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***

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

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

Friday, Dec. 26, 2025 - Boxing Day

Confessions 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. & Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Sat. December 27 to Tues. December 30, 2025

*Regular Schedule for Confession and for
Weekday & Weekend Masses*

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Confession 11:40 am 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: WED., DEC. 31, 2025
VIGIL MASS at 5:00 P.M.**

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

Regular Schedule Resumes on Fri., January 2, 2026.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca



 ShareLife

**Cardinal Leo Encourages You To Reach Out
To Your Neighbor In Need**

"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.*

MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves: if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. Saint Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.

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