

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
12:10 P.M. Intentions of Sonia Onwuzu

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
8:00 A.M. Intentions of Sonia Onwuzu

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
12:10 P.M. +Mary Catherine Staples
Req. Judy & Martin Bishop

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
5:00 P.M. **NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS**

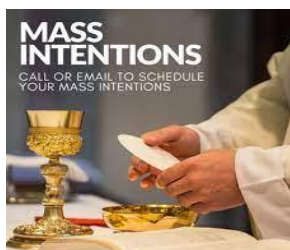
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9:00 A.M. **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**
11:00 A.M. **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND
12:10 P.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
The Sandanam Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD
10:00 A.M. +Pablo Narciso, Jr.
Req. Roy Narciso

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If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass,



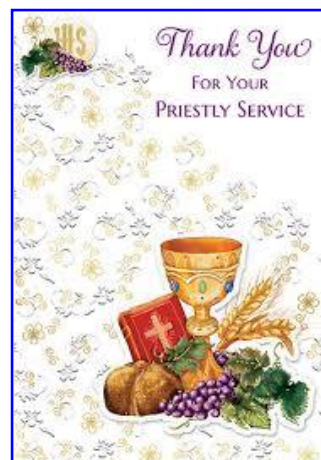
*please call the Parish
Office at 416-483-1513
or send an email to:
stmonicatoronto@gmail.com*

*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.*

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.stmonicastoronto.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.stmonicastoronto.org. Thank you very much for
supporting St. Monica's Parish!

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Dec. 28, 2025

By Baptism, we are God's holy family
today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully
your vocation as a single, married,
ordained or consecrated person. If God is
calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of
Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.
vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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, visit
www.stmonicastoronto.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

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.



**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.

A FAMILY BUILT ON STEWARDSHIP

This Sunday's great solemnity invites us to contemplate the beauty of the Holy Family. Pope Paul VI says that the Holy Family should "serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing."

What is a community of love and sharing but one rich with stewardship. We should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family. Not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another.

A tangible practice we can adopt is being faithful to the family dinner, a dinner without external distractions like the television or radio in the background. This involves being totally present to those in our family which can help begin to alleviate the rampant loneliness that ravages our culture. We can then move outwards and be stewards of our time with our second family, our parish community. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

SUMMARY

On this solemnity, we are reminded that we should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family, not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

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