

ST. MONICA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Joyfully bringing Christ to the world & intentionally bringing the world to Christ!



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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Baal

Office Hours: (walk-in visits)  
Mon/Wed/Fri - 1 to 5 pm  
(Closed on public holidays)

**First Friday Adoration**  
7 pm to 8 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon/Wed/Fri – 12:10 pm  
Tues/Thurs – 8 am  
Saturdays & Public Holidays –  
10 am

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday vigil Mass – 5 pm  
Sundays – 9 am & 11 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Mon/Wed/Fri: 11:40 am to 12 nn  
Tues: 7:30 am to 7:50 am  
Saturday: 9:30 am to 9:50 am &  
4 pm to 4:40 pm

**Baptisms**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the  
month  
Register through the parish  
website

**RCIA**

Contact the Parish Office

**First Reconciliation & First  
Eucharist (FRFE)**

Registration starts in September  
Six (6) In-person classes one  
Saturday a month

First Reconciliation (FR)  
scheduled during Lent

First Eucharist (FE) Masses  
scheduled during Easter season

**Rite of Confirmation (ROC)**

Registration starts in first quarter  
of the year

In-person classes during Easter  
season

ROC Mass scheduled on  
Pentecost

**Wedding**

Please contact the parish office  
at least one year in advance.  
Weddings are scheduled on  
Saturdays.

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers

[stmonicatorontoas@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatorontoas@gmail.com)

Lectors

[stmonicatorontol@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatorontol@gmail.com)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
Communion

[stmonicatorontoemhc@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatorontoemhc@gmail.com)

Please contact the parish office if  
you would like to volunteer for  
our other ministries:

- Ministers to the Sick & Homebound
- Faith Formation Team
- Choir
- Offering Collectors
- Prayer Ministry
- Certified First Aid/CPR volunteers
- Garden Ministry
- Young Adults Group
- Men's Group

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

St. Monica Elementary Catholic  
School

Marshall McLuhan Catholic  
Secondary School

Please check our website:  
[stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org)  
for the latest news and  
parish events.

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

12:10 P.M. Intentions of the Sebben & Dela Rosa Families

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Myriam Tobon Puerta  
Req. Janneth Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
Req. The Couto Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Manuel Couto  
Req. Adrienne Couto

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Val Gaudet  
+Frances Gaudet  
+Gertrude Hall  
Req. Anna Kathleen Tani

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project



There will be **BLESSING OF THE THROATS** after the 8 am Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. All parishioners are welcome!

## **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

will take place in the church on February 6, 2026 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!***



The 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, will be a healing Mass. There will be anointing of the sick after the Mass.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

Masses will be at 12:10 & 6:00 p.m.



The *in-person* **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday ***in the church*** at 6:00 p.m., starting February 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (Good Friday). ***All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.***



## MASS INTENTIONS

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.



## **(FRFE) First Eucharist Catechetical Class**

The ***First Eucharist Preparation Class*** will take place on **Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.** (The next class, after this one, will be on Saturday, March 21, 2026.)



### Cardinal Leo Encourages You To Reach Out To Your Neighbour 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](http://sharelife.org/donate) or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel.*

### Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat

#### St. Augustine's Seminary, Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2026

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday, March 1st, at 2:00 p.m.

This retreat, which offers a way to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary. Register online: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).



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### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Reserved seating is limited; only for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary, at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. Livestream broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as **Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Faith Formation Team, Altar Servers, Offering Collectors, Choir Members and Garden Volunteers!** If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at (416) 483-1513 or [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).

### LABOURING FOR THE STEWARD'S GREAT REWARD

This Monday, February 2, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We reflect on Joseph and Mary taking the child Jesus up to the temple and the prophet Simeon taking the child into his arms. Simeon was an elderly prophet in Jerusalem to whom it had been revealed that "he would not see death before he had seen the Christ" (Luke 2: 26). After labouring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with the gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes.

The reward of Simeon is the reward awaiting all of Christ's faithful stewards. The reward of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven. The USCCB write in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\*, "What is the reward to which good stewards can look forward? The answer is perfect fulfillment in God's Kingdom." It is in God's Kingdom that we will enjoy the beatific vision for all eternity.

So when the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we're tempted to despair, let us remember the reward of Simeon that awaits the faithful steward. This remembrance should help us increase our labours of love for God and the Church for we know that we are not doing it for any other purpose than unity with God for all eternity. This is the goal of our Christian lives.

\* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, 2002.

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