

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 1st & 3rd 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

Lectors

stmonicatorontol@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion

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
for the latest news and
parish events.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

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



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. 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.



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



The 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, February 11th, 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 20th and concluding on April 3rd, 2026 (Good Friday). *All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.*



(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 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.



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of Toronto

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. 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.

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.

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