

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://stmonicasto.archtoronto.org)  
for the latest news and  
parish events.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Mary Sandanam  
Req. The Sandanam Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Mass for the Deceased

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Martin Higgins  
Req. Karen Bertrand

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

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](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.*



The *Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services* are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs. To learn more, focus your smartphone's camera on the symbol or visit

<https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca>.



**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!**



*To celebrate the World Day of the Sick, there will be Anointing of the Sick after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All*

*parishioners are welcome.*



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

Masses are at 12:10 & 6:00 pm with distribution of ashes.



The in-person **STATIONS of THE CROSS** will be held every Friday ***in the church*** at 6:00 pm, 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.**

**(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](https://sharelife.org/donate) or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel.*

**Archdiocese 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](https://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.

**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](https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).



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 email [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).

**THE LIGHT OF STEWARDSHIP**

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, “from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us.” She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn’t be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today’s Gospel, Jesus says “let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:16).

Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that “we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve.”

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we’re on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God’s transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?

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