

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 16TH **FAMILY DAY**
10:00 A.M. +Manuel Couto
Req. Adrienne Couto

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
8:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

12:10 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
6:00 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
8:00 A.M. +Andrew Mark Joseph
Req. Sydel D Silva

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
12:10 P.M. +Vittorio Sabatini
Req. Alicia Sabatini

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
10:00 A.M. +Ernest Ricketts



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.*



ASH WEDNESDAY:
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

MASSSES ARE AT 12:10 & 6:00 PM
WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES.

During Lent, the **STATIONS of THE CROSS** will be held



every Friday ***in the church*** at 6:00 pm, starting February 20th and concluding on April 3rd, 2026 (Good Friday). ***All parishioners are invited to this Lenten devotion.***

THREE-DAY LENTEN RETREAT
WITH FR. JOSEPH:
REPENT, RENEW & RESTORE

FRIDAY, FEB. 27TH, 7 PM – 9 PM
SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH, 10:30 AM – 1 PM
SUNDAY, MAR. 1ST, 3 PM – 5 PM

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place in the church on March 6, 2026 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., following the Stations of the Cross. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. ***All parishioners are welcome!***



(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

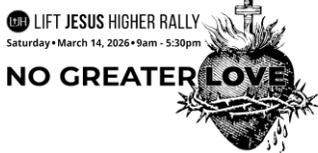


The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine’s

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.

You’re invited to attend the 35th annual **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY** at the Metro



Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, March 14, 2026!

Join us for a Spirit-filled day packed with fellowship, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, compelling talks, and more! The day also will feature a youth rally in the Centre’s John Basset Theatre for youth ages 13 to 18. Tickets are on sale now at <https://ljhr.ca>.



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.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

In today’s Gospel, we hear some of Jesus’ bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says “You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you...” He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that, “as good stewards, we are meant to use God’s gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God’s gifts to Him with increase.” The key word in the Cardinal’s exhortation is “increase.”

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, “You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”

* Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. Available at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx>