

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 23<sup>RD</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Gemma Alleva & +Skye  
Req. Gladys Bulac
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Adoracion Del Rosario  
Req. The Concepcion Family
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Gerald (Gerry) Levert  
Req. M. Pantelic
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Manuel Couto  
Req. Adrienne Couto
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +Catalina Sadang  
Req. Susan Gonzales
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Rosemary & Robert Azzopardi  
Req. Karen Azzopardi



**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.

During Lent, the *in-person* **STATIONS of THE CROSS**



will be held every Friday *in the church* at 6:00 pm, concluding on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (Good Friday).

***All parishioners are invited to this Lenten devotion. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION***

will take place in the church on March 6, 2026 directly following the Stations of the Cross. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

***All parishioners are welcome!***



**THREE-DAY LENTEN RETREAT IN THE CHURCH WITH FR. JOSEPH: REPENT, RENEW & RESTORE**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 27<sup>TH</sup>, 7 PM – 9 PM**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup>, 10:30 AM – 1 PM**

*\*Please Bring Your Own Lunch Or Snacks On Saturday.*

*No Refreshments Provided.\**

**SUNDAY, MAR. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 3 PM – 5 PM**

**NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**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.)

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

**MARCH 9 – 14, 2026**

- MONDAY, MARCH 9 11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 10 7:30 A.M. TO 7:50 A.M.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 12 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**
- FRIDAY, MARCH 13 11:40 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 14 9:30 A.M. TO 9:50 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. TO 4:40 P.M.

**Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat**  
**St. Augustine's Seminary, Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2026**



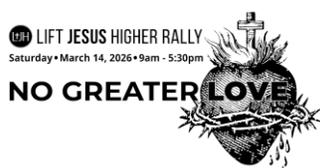
The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's Seminary on Friday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday, March 1st, at 2:00 p.m. This retreat, which offers a way to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary. Register online: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).



**This Lent, you are living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife**

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



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>.

**FASTING AND FEASTING**

As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that "nature abhors a vacuum".

This leads us to the practice of "fasting and feasting" in Lent. Through this practice, we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts.

Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season. Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from complaining; Feast on Appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

In essence, let us fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

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



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).