

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, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Lenore McGuire  
Req. Judy & Martin Bishop

TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle  
Req. Amleset & Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Mickey Spillane  
Req. The Spillane Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Teresita Nixon  
Req. Susan Gonzales

SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Myriam Tobon Puerta  
Req. Janneth Gonzalez



## 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.*

## INSTALLATION MASS



Please join us for the **Installation Mass** of our new Pastor, Father Joseph, on **Sunday, March 22 at 11 a.m.**, presided by Bishop Robert Kasun. A reception will follow at Saint Monica School & please feel free to bring your favourite finger food to share with your fellow parishioners. **All are welcome!**

During Lent, the *in-person* **STATIONS of THE CROSS** will be held every Friday **in the church** at 6 pm, concluding April 3<sup>rd</sup>. **All parishioners are invited to this Lenten devotion.**



Father Joseph will lead a **BIBLE STUDY** on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> after the Stations of the Cross. The theme is "God's Covenant with Humanity". **All parishioners are welcome!**



## (FRFE) FIRST EUCHARIST CATECHETICAL CLASS

The **First Eucharist Preparation Class** will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 6:15 pm in the church.



## (ROC) REGISTRATION OPEN 2026 RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Registration is open for the 2026 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please register online by April 5<sup>th</sup> at [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).



## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO'S CHRISM MASS (Blessing of Oils & Renewal of Priestly Vows)

will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto. All are welcome to attend. You can also watch this livestreamed via the [Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube channel](#) or the [St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica live page](#).



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026**

(There is no 8 a.m. Mass.)

**7:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WASHING OF FEET

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**\*ADORATION after the MASS until MIDNIGHT\***

### **GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026**

(There is no 11:40 a.m. Confession; No 12:10 p.m. Mass.)

The Parish Office is closed.)

**3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD**

LITURGICAL SERVICE

EUCCHARIST

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

**\*DIVINE MERCY NOVENA after the SERVICE\***

**6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

(There is no 9:30 a.m. Confession; No 10 a.m. Mass.)

There is no 4:00 p.m. Confession; No 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**8:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS**

### **EASTER SUNDAY of the**

### **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. MASS**

### **EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**11:40 A.M. CONFESSION & 12:10 P.M. MASS**

(The Parish Office is closed.)

Regular Mass & Office Schedule Resumes Tues., April 7, 2026.



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).

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026**

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an



ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations,

Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### **TRUE RECOVERY OF SIGHT**

In today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, “Lord, I believe.” The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says “he worshipped Him.” As good stewards, we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

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



### **You can help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife**

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call. ***The first ShareLife Sunday collection at St. Monica's is this Sun., March 15 at the 11 am Mass, and will be held on Sat., March 21 at the 5 pm Mass; & Sun., March 22 at the 9 am Mass. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).***