

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 30<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Ana Ivonne Islas Perez  
Req. Maria del Carmen  
Perez Alvarado

TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

**3:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

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



## 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 pm, concluding April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** starts Good Friday, April 3 to Saturday, April 11 after each Mass in the church. The **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** will be sung in the church on **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, April 12 at 3 pm. **All parishioners are invited.**

## **(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). ROC candidates must attend the Enrollment Mass on Saturday, April 18 2026 at 5 p.m. There will be a total of three preparation classes in the church, in person.



## **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.

## **Pontifical Collection, Good Friday**

### **April 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026 for the Benefit of the Holy Land**

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers parishioners the opportunity to be witnesses of peace and help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christian communities in the Holy Land.



## **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

will take place on May 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, visit

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

**All parishioners are welcome!**

**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.



**With your support of ShareLife, despair turns into hope**

When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—not just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied. He dreamed of raising David and Emmanuel with the same love and care he had given his firstborn, determined to provide them with a warm home and a future full of possibility. But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. The weight of hunger and uncertainty grew heavier each day. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow.

***Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).***



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 [stmonitoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonitoronto@gmail.com).

**Passion (Palm) Sunday - March 29, 2026**

“Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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).



**THROUGH THE EYES OF A DONKEY**

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey’s perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

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