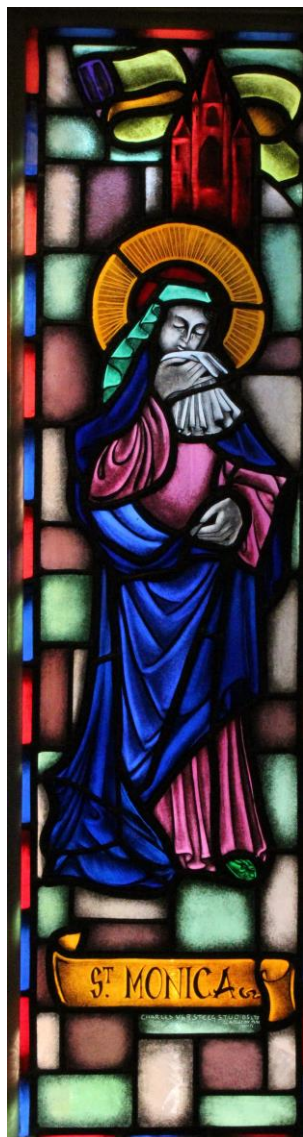


**ST. MONICA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Joyfully bringing Christ to the world & intentionally bringing the world to Christ!



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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 January  
Six (6) 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)

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Please contact the parish office if  
you would like to volunteer for  
our other ministries:

- Ministers to the Sick &  
Homebound
- 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.

January 4, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Luz Martelle  
Req. Josefina Narciso

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Donald Lamont  
Req. Connie Makabali

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

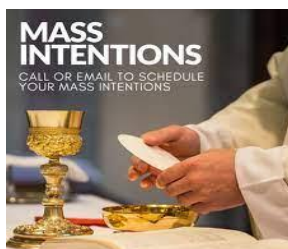
8:00 A.M. +Margarita Gambon  
Req. Dara Sarile

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Caitlin Morrison and Family  
Req. Patrick Morrison

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. +Maria Kokotovich  
Req. Elena Bonilla & Teresa Gruber



## 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.*



WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. JOSEPH BAAL! Originally from Baao, Camarines Sur, in the Philippines, Fr. Joseph has served in the Archdiocese of Toronto as Associate Pastor at Guardian Angels Parish, Orillia & Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish, Bradford.



### (FRFE) First Eucharist Catechetical Class

The **First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class** will take place on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**

at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church.**

### 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.stmonicastoronto.org](http://www.stmonicastoronto.org). ***All parishioners are welcome!***



### The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks



us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

January 4, 2026



### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited; please register early: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

### **Cardinal Leo Encourages You To Reach Out To Your Neighbor 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](http://sharelife.org/donate) or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. *Thank you for living the Gospel.*

### **MAKING CHRIST MANIFEST TO ALL THE WORLD**

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to manifest" or "to make known." This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." The USCCB also says that the "practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

**Summary:** On this feast day, we celebrate the visit of the foreign Magi which represents all the nations coming to know Christ. Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. We cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must use our God-given time and talents to go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

\* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, 2002.

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