

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 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

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
- 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://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org)
for the latest news and
parish events.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH

12:10 P.M. +Ruzica Markovic
Req. Josefina Narciso

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00 A.M. +Donald John Lamont
Req. Gloria Gillego

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

12:10 P.M. Hermano Couto
Req. The Couto Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

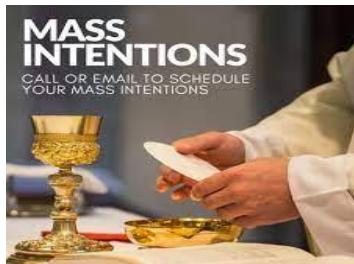
8:00 A.M. +Deceased Family Members
of Carlos Dosman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

12:10 P.M. +Janis McKena Castillo
Req. Connie Makabali

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

10:00 A.M. +Abrehet Bahta Tekle
Req. Amleset & Family



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.



(FRFE) First Eucharist Catechetical Class

The **First Eucharist Preparation Class** will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church. (The next class, after this one, will be on Saturday, February 28, 2026.)

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.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

All parishioners are welcome!



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.*

The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you

to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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. 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 via livestream. <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as **Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Offering Collectors, Choir Members and Garden Volunteers!**

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at (416) 483-1513 or stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.

PLAYING OUR PART IN THE CHURCH

Even in today's short Gospel passage, we can learn a lot about authentic stewardship through the example of Saint John the Baptist. Saint John the Baptist used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. He readily used his gifts for the service of Christ and His mission. We should ask ourselves, how are we using our gifts to serve Christ?

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus, in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that our time, talent and treasure “are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that ... then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship.”

As we are still in the month of January, it is never too late to commit to a deeper life of stewardship this year. Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards. For starters, it is important to gratefully acknowledge that all we have in our lives is from God. Let us begin to take time each day in prayer to thank Him for all of His blessings. Secondly, by prayerfully examining our talents, let us seek groups or ministries in the parish in which we can give our gifts back to God. We don't need to be intimidated if we feel we cannot do great things for our parish, for all of us has a role to play. Let us conclude today's reflection by pondering the following words of encouragement by Saint Teresa of Calcutta. “If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

Summary: Saint John the Baptist used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. Likewise, Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that our time, talent and treasure “are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude.” Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards by offering our gifts back to God and our parish community.

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

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