

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)

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
for the latest news and
parish events.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

12:10 P.M. +Joey Padios
Req. Marie Endaya

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

8:00 A.M. +Reuben S. Jorge
Req. Roberta Blanco-Pador

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

12:10 P.M. +Sarah Scott
Req. Ethan & Liz & Coba

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

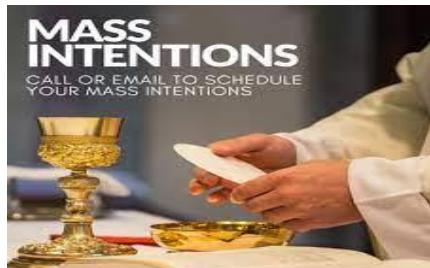
8:00 A.M. +Dawn Somers
Req. James Kay

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

12:10 P.M. +Emmanuel Guadalupe
Req. Christoph Lee

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

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. 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!**



ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Masses will be at 12:10 & 6:00 p.m.



The in-person STATIONS of THE CROSS will be held every Friday in the church at 6:00 p.m.,

starting February 20th and concluding on April 3rd, 2026 (Good Friday). **All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.**

EUCARISTIC GEMS

When we receive Holy Communion, let us consider that Jesus comes to us as a little baby, and then let us pray that St. Joseph helps us welcome him, as when he held Him in his arms.

- St. Joseph Marello

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 56



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.*

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.



Archdiocese
of Toronto

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Reserved seating is limited; only for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary, at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

Livestream 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.

Pope Francis' Angelus (excerpt) John 1:29-34

John preaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, that the Messiah is about to reveal himself, and one must prepare, convert and act with righteousness; and he begins to baptize in the River Jordan in order to give the people a tangible means of repentance (cf. Mt 3:1-6). These people came to repent their sins, to make penance, to begin their life anew. He knows; John knows that the Messiah, the Lord's Consecrated One, is now nearby, and the sign to recognize Him will be that the Holy Spirit will descend upon Him. Indeed, He will bring the true baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 1:33).

And thus, the moment arrives: Jesus appears on the river bank, in the midst of the people, the sinners — like all of us. It is his first public act, the first thing he does when he leaves his home in Nazareth, at the age of 30: he goes down into Judea, goes to the Jordan, and is baptized by John. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father proclaims him the beloved Son (cf. Mt 3:16-17). It is the sign that John has been waiting for. It is He! Jesus is the Messiah. John is disconcerted, because He manifests himself in an unimaginable way: in the midst of sinners, baptized with them, or rather, for them. But the Spirit enlightens John and helps him understand that in this way God's justice is fulfilled, his plan of salvation is fulfilled: Jesus is the Messiah, the King of Israel, however, not with the power of this world but as the Lamb of God, who takes upon himself and takes away the sins of the world.

Thus, John points Him out to the people and to his disciples. Because John had a large circle of disciples, who had chosen him as a spiritual guide, and some of them actually become the first disciples of Jesus. This scene is decisive for our faith; and it is also decisive for the Church's mission.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20170115.html