

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)

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
- 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 26<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Monica Singh  
Req. The Lau Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. Venezuela & Wilbert Bruno  
Req. Leydys Bencomo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Nicola Pierni  
Req. Eric Pierni

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

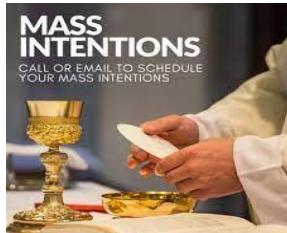
8:00 A.M. +Lewis Boles  
Req. Amelia Cruz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Eugenio Cruz &  
+Joshua Fumiya Tani  
Req. Anna Kathleen Tani

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>

10:00 A.M. Protection of Unborn Children  
Req. Masses for Life Project



## 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.



### (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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (Good Friday). *All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.*

### EUCARISTIC GEMS

I want to tell you that eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity.

- Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska

*From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 20*



### 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](http://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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).



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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](http://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.

### POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY (excerpt)

#### MATTHEW 4:12-13

Today's Gospel (Mt 4:12-23) helps us to know how, where and to whom Jesus began to preach. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is *at hand*, that God is near. Here is the novelty, the first message: God is not far from us. The One who dwells in heaven has come down to earth; He became man. He has torn down walls and shortened distances.

This is a joyful message: God came to visit us in person, by becoming man. He did not embrace our human condition out of duty, no, but out of love. For love, He took on our human nature, for one embraces what one loves. God took our human nature because He loves us and desires freely to give us the salvation that, alone and unaided, we cannot hope to attain. He wants to stay with us and give us the beauty of life, peace of heart, the joy of being forgiven and feeling loved.

His word consoles and encourages us. At the same time it challenges us, frees us from the bondage of our selfishness and summons us to conversion. Because His word has the power to change our lives and to lead us out of darkness into the light. This is the power of His word.

Here there is a message for us: the word of salvation does not go looking for untouched, clean and safe places. Instead, it enters the complex and obscure places in our lives. Now, as then, God wants to visit the very places we think He will never go. He knows that His mercy alone can heal us, His presence alone can transform us and His word alone can renew us. So let us open the winding paths of our hearts – those paths we have inside us that we do not wish to see or that we hide – to Him.

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200126\\_omelia-domenicadellaparoladidio.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200126_omelia-domenicadellaparoladidio.html)



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](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).