

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 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

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
- 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
for the latest news and
parish events.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

12:10 P.M. +Kevin Quinto
Req. The Quinto Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

8:00 A.M. Navneet & Bharti
Req. Ishita Navneet

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

12:10 P.M. Protection of Unborn Children
Req. Masses for Life Project

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

12:10 P.M. +Donald Musella
Req. Alisia Sabatini

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

10:00 A.M. +Alvin & Ulex Hugh
Req. Laurie & David Coleman



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.

INSTALLATION MASS



Please join us for the Installation Mass of our new Pastor, Father Joseph, on **Sunday, March 22 at 11 a.m.**, presided by Bishop Robert Kasun. A reception will follow at Saint Monica School & please feel free to bring your favourite finger food to share with your fellow parishioners. **All are welcome!**

During Lent, the *in-person* STATIONS of THE CROSS will be held every Friday *in the church* at 6 pm, concluding April 3rd. **All parishioners are invited to this Lenten devotion.**



Father Joseph will lead a BIBLE STUDY on March 13th, 20th, and 27th after the Stations of the Cross. The theme is "God's Covenant with Humanity". *All parishioners are welcome!*



(FRFE) FIRST EUCHARIST CATECHETICAL CLASS

The First Eucharist Preparation Class will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 6:15 pm in the church.



(ROC) REGISTRATION OPEN 2026 RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Registration is open for the 2026 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please register online by April 5th at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 2ND, 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 3RD, 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 4TH, 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 5TH, 2026

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. MASS

EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 6TH, 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.

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years



ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special

collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. The year 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage. Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen. ***The first ShareLife Sunday collection at St. Monica’s was Sun., March 15 at the 11 am Mass; & will be held on Sat., March 21 at the 5 pm Mass; & Sun., March 22 at the 9 am Mass. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through the parish website, or at 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 stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



Fifth Sunday of Lent – Mar. 22, 2026

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? 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 vocations@archtoronto.org.

RAISING FROM DEATH TO LIFE

In today’s Gospel, we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain, for Jesus says it occurred so “that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to “unbind him, and let him go.”

This “unbinding” signifies that Jesus doesn’t just raise him from the dead but also sets him free. So too, through God’s great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God’s forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that “the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true “spiritual resurrection,” restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God” (CCC 1468).

Moreover, after Lazarus was freed, it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God’s forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true stewards of God’s gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament, we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent, let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.

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