

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



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Pastor: Fr. Rodel (Joseph) Baal

Parish Secretary: King Solomon

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed for Lunch (1-2pm)
(Closed on Public Holidays & Weekends)

Adoration:
(First Friday) 7 pm to 8 pm
Wed & Fri: (12:45pm) After Mass – 2pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri – 12:10 pm
Tues/Thurs – 8 am
Saturdays & Holidays – 10 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5 pm
Sunday Mass – 9 am & 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon/Wed/Fri: 11:40 am to noon
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 in September.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion:

Registration starts in September
Six (6) In-person classes one Saturday a month
First Reconciliation (FR) scheduled during Lent
First Eucharist (HC) 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.

Anointing & Communion to the Sick:

Please call during Office hours.

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 (14 Broadway Ave, Toronto, ON M4P 1T5) 416-393-5224

Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School (1107 Avenue Rd, Toronto, ON M5N 3B1) 416 – 393 – 5561

Please check out our website:
stmonicasto.archtoronto.org
for the latest news and parish events.

MASS INTENTIONS

(Third Sunday of Easter)

5pm (Vigil Mass, April 18th): + Lewis Boles,
by Amelia Cruz

9am (April 19th, 2026): **Pro Populo**

11am (April 19th, 2026): + Laurinda Shiromi Ozaki,
by Salomao Ozaki

(Monday to Saturday Morning)

12:10pm April 20th, 2026: + Arturo Bacani, by
Rosalina Parales

8am April 21st, 2026: Derek Shack,
by Ishita Navneet

12:10pm April 22nd, 2026: + Mary Sandanam,
by The Sandanam Family

8am April 23rd, 2026: + Manuel Couto,
by Adrienne Couto

12:10pm April 24th, 2026: Karolina & Michael
Medon, by Margaret Medon

10am April 25th, 2026: Protection of Unborn
Children, by Masses for Life Project

(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

5pm (Vigil Mass, April 25th): **Pro Populo**

9am (April 26th, 2026): (Open)

11am (FHC, Group A) (April 26th, 2026) (Open)



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. Please note, we now accept Sunday Mass Intentions as well.

Remembering those who have gone before us...

+ Frank Kovacs + Manuel Couto

+ Lewis Boles + Segunda Diaz

+ Vilma LaRoche

Interested in a Children's Liturgy?

We are looking to make the 11am Mass, our Children's Liturgy starting in September. If your child would like to be apart of that, please refer to the registration form in the foyer or contact the Parish Office for more information.



Third Sunday of Easter – April 19

Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life.

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

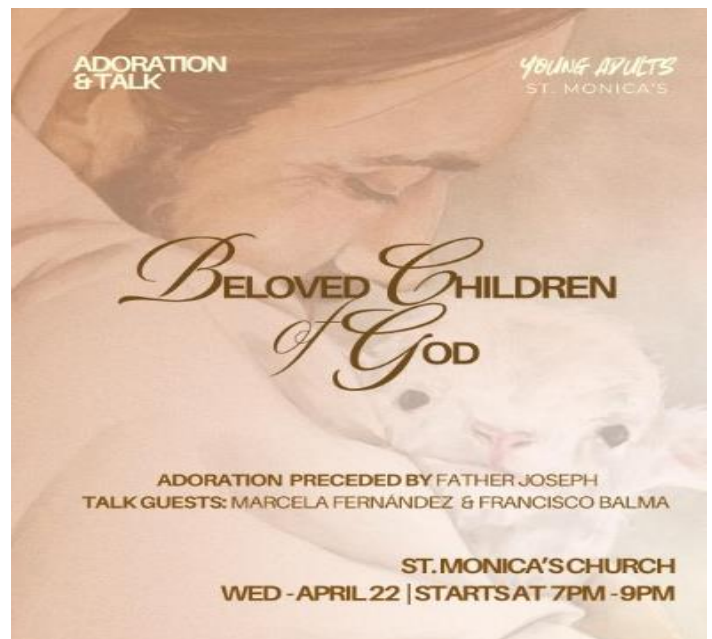
Our Sharelife Speaker is coming today at all the Sunday Masses. The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

HELP NOT HARM:

Please Support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)



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 King in Parish Office at (416) 483-1513; email stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.





First Holy Communion Dates:

Group A will have their FHC, **Next weekend on April 26th at the 11am Mass.** Group B will have their FHC on May 17th at the 11am Mass. Please contact the office for more info.



Confirmation Date:

On May 23rd at 5pm is our Confirmation Mass for those enrolled. **Please be reminded that candidates must attend the Enrollment Mass, this Saturday on April 18th at 5pm.**



Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026

Do you recognize Christ in your life?
Does your heart burn in his presence?
How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.
www.vocationstoronto.ca vocations@archtoronto.org.



Calling on all the Adorers of St. Monica's

We are looking to have Adoration on **Wednesdays and Fridays weekly from 12:45pm – 2pm.** If interested, please sign up using the form posted in the foyer. *First Friday is still happening on May 1st from 7 to 8pm. All are invited to participate.*

Third Sunday of Easter

SHARING OUR BURNING HEARTS

In today's Gospel, we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming "Were not our hearts burning within us?" So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning?

The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass, we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ, we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately.

This Easter season, let us decide to renew our commitment to our parish by joining various ministries to help the good news of the resurrection be proclaimed. The Church needs us to be sharers of God's gifts. Saint Peter in his first letter says, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel?

Summary: Just like the disciples from the Gospel, our hearts should burn within us from the presence and love of God that we experience in Mass. The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. Likewise, after being strengthened at Mass, we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent.

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