

ST. MONICA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joyfully bringing Christ to the world & intentionally bringing the world to Christ!

PARISH

Bulletin



44 Broadway Ave, Toronto, ON M4P 1T4

Office Staff



Pastor: Rev. Fr. Joseph Baal

In Residence: Rev. Fr. John Egbert Dumali



Parish Secretary: King Solomon

Sacraments

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays. Register via parish website.

RCIA: Contact the Parish Office or Peter Gavin-Griffin:
pete.gavin.griffin@mail.utoronto.ca (Registration is Open)

First Holy Communion: Registration in Sept. Classes one Saturday per month. First Reconciliation scheduled during Lent. First Eucharist Masses during Easter season.

Confirmation: Registration in Sept. Classes during Easter. ROC on Pentecost.

Weddings: Contact office one year in advance. Saturdays 11 AM - 1 PM.

Anointing & Communion to the Sick: Call during office hours.

Funerals (on weekends) 11am - 12pm, weekdays (contact office)

Memorial Masses: Contact the Office

Parish Office

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed for Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Closed on Public Holidays & Weekends

Phone: 416-483-1513

Email: stmonicatoronto@gmail.com or

StMonicasTO@archtoronto.org

Web: stmonicasto.archtoronto.org



Church Schedule

Sunday Masses: Sat Vigil 5 PM, 9 AM & 11 AM

Mon/Wed/Fri 12:10 PM

Tues/Thurs: 8 AM

Sat & Holidays: 10 AM

Confessions: Before every Weekday Mass except Thursday's & Sat: 4:00-4:40 PM

Weekday Church Hours (9am - 4pm)

Adoration

First Friday: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday: After Mass until 2:00 PM

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers: stmonicatorontoas@gmail.com

Lectors: stmonicatorontol@gmail.com

EMHC: stmonicatorontoemhc@gmail.com

Contact the office to volunteer for:

Ministers to the Sick & Homebound (EMHC email)

Faith Formation Team

Choir (5pm Vigil, 9am Choir, 11am Choir)

Offering Collectors

Sacristian

Certified First Aid/CPR Volunteers

Garden Ministry

Young Adults Group (Sydel & Maria - Co Leaders)

Men's Group (COR & other!)

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

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22nd SUNDAY | Aug 30, 2026 | Ordinary Time - Year A

Pastor's Reflection



In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to reveal to His disciples that He must suffer, be killed, and be raised on the third day. Peter struggles to accept this, but Jesus reminds him that discipleship means setting aside human expectations and embracing God's ways. He then teaches that anyone who wishes to follow Him must deny themselves, take up their cross, and walk in His footsteps. This Gospel reminds us that true life is not found in seeking comfort or worldly success, but in giving ourselves faithfully to God. May we trust the Lord's plan, carry our daily crosses with courage, and follow Jesus with hearts fixed on the promise of eternal life.



What's Happening: Feast Day Edition

Saint Monica of Hippo, born in the 4th century in Tagaste, North Africa, is renowned as the devoted mother of Saint Augustine, a pivotal figure in Christian theology. Her life epitomizes unwavering faith and persistent prayer, particularly as she fervently prayed for her son's conversion from a wayward lifestyle to devout Christianity. Her perseverance bore fruit when Augustine embraced the faith, crediting his spiritual transformation significantly to his mother's influence. St. Monica is venerated as the patron saint of mothers and wives, exemplifying virtues such as patience, perseverance, and fidelity.

To seek St. Monica's intercession, Catholics often pray to her for guidance, strength, and patience, especially concerning family and relationships. Many find solace in requesting her prayers to aid in the conversion of loved ones or to endure challenges with grace and faith. Her life stands as a testament to the power of prayer and the profound effect of steadfast faith.

Our parish feast day was a success! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make it a joyful and successful celebration! We are also deeply grateful to our 11:00 a.m. Choir for their beautiful singing during the 7pm Mass and all of you who continue to support our Parish.

We sincerely thank all our volunteers, organizers, parishioners, families, and friends who supported the event. Your generosity and dedication helped make this celebration truly special. May God bless you all for your kindness and continued support of our parish!

Sunday Offering *Last Week's Total Collections: On Break!*

Thank you for your generous support. Donations can be made online, by envelope in foyer, or through pre-authorized giving and are greatly appreciated to fund the various needs within our Parish. Contact the parish office for details and stay alert for Second Collections.

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Mass Intentions

Mon. Aug. 31st, 2026 at 12:10pm: + Ana Ivonne Islas Perez, by Maria del Carmen Perez Alvarado

Tues. Sept. 1st, 2026 at 8am: + Charita Pakas (Death Anniversary)

Wed. Sept. 2nd, 2026 at 12:10pm (Blessed André Grasset – OM): + Crisalia Couto; Adriana Gonzalez (Birthday)

Thurs. Sept. 3rd, 2026 at 8am: + Manuel Couto

Fri. Sept. 4th, 2026 at 12:10pm (St. Gregory the Great – M): + Roberto Gonzales; + Walter Reimann

Sat. Sept. 5th, 2026 at 10am: The Unborn & Victims of Abortion



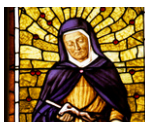
Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic adult not yet fully initiated into the Church? You are invited to join RCIA. Registration is open. Please contact Peter Gavin-Griffin at pete.gavin.griffin@mail.utoronto.ca and complete the registration form on the parish website.



Next Sunday August 30th, Our Archbishop Frank Cardinal Leo has delegated the Central Regional Bishop of Toronto, Bishop Robert Kasun to celebrate the 11am Mass for our 120th Parish Anniversary Celebration. All are welcome to join!



Relics will be available for Veneration from August 27th - August 31st in the Church! Please join us.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labour Day. Our Mass will be at 10am. Thank you!



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES
FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Lotion, deodorant, soap, sunscreen, etc.
- Non-perishable food items
- Men's socks & underwear
- Men's clothing & shoes

Please Drop Off Your Donations at the Parish Office During Parish Hours



A Second Collection will be taken up this weekend in honour of our 120th Parish Anniversary (In relation to our Parish Festival)



Remember your Parish in your Will. A charitable bequest is a meaningful way to reflect your Catholic values and support the future of the Church. Estate planning guides are available to help you include your parish or an archdiocesan charity in your plans.



We are always looking for dedicated parishioners to serve in our many ministries. Whether you want to be a Sacristan, Counter or other, there is a place for you! Contact the parish office to learn more.