

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: 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

5pm (Vigil Mass, April 25th): **Pro Populo**
9am (April 26th, 2026): + Chris Tan, by Monica
Leong

11am (April 26th, 2026): Open Intention

12:10pm April 27th, 2026: +Jose Mercado &
+Damian Sanz, by The Mercado Sanz Family

8:00am April 28th, 2026: +James Shack,
by Ishita Navneet

12:10pm April 29th, 2026: +Ana Ivonne Islas Perez,
by Maria del Carmen Perez Alvarado

8am April 30th, 2026: + Manuel Couto,
by Adrienne Couto

12:10pm, May 1st, 2026: +Cathy Aspenlieder,
by Margaret Medon

10am, May 2nd, 2026: The Unborn & Victims of
Abortion, by Patrick Morrison

5pm (Vigil Mass, May 2nd): **Pro Populo**

9am (May 3rd, 2026): + Kevin Sullivan, by Mary
Leahy

11am (May 3rd, 2026) For The Soul of Dumebi

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...

+ Manuel Couto, +Frank Kovacs, +Sarah Scott,
+Myriam Tobon Puerta, +Lenore McGuire

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 a part of that, please refer to the registration form in the
foyer or contact the Parish Office for more information.



**Calling on all the Adorers of St.
Monica's**

Adoration is now 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 this
Friday on May 1st from 7 to 8pm.
All are invited to participate.



Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26
ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is today, 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)



You would love to volunteer!



I don't...
don't... don't... do!

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, **This weekend
on April 26th at the 11am Mass**. Group B
will have their FHC on May 17th at the 11am
Mass. Congratulations to all who will receive
FHC.



Confirmation Date:

On May 23rd at 5pm is our
Confirmation Mass for
those enrolled.

**A QR CODE SHEET WILL BE
PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO WISH
TO READ THE BULLETIN ON A
LARGER FONT VIA THE WEBSITE.**

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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.

**ATTENTION MEN OF ST. MONICA'S PARISH
Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men**

The men of our Knights of Columbus at St. Monica's (Toronto Council No. 1388), are excited to share the implementation of **Cor**, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Monica's parish.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Cor will be held at 7:30pm every 2nd Thursday, starting April 9th in St. Monica's basement.

Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. We are also hoping to determine what times work best for everyone moving forward.

Please use the email/phone # below if you have additional questions, please reach out to Patrick Morrison at: 647-989-4101 or pjmorrison@rogers.com

EUCCHARISTIC GEMS

What is it we are asking here, O God? We are asking, both for today itself and the whole of life (a life that in reality is no longer than a day) for that bread which is more precious than anything else; that is, our supernatural bread, the only bread we really need, the only bread absolutely necessary to us, if we are to reach our goal -- the necessary bread of grace.

Saint Charles de Foucauld

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 141

Introducing our Parish Articles Section:

Over the years, we have received many donations of quite beautiful and useful items that could be better placed in the hands of those who may need them. Our corner in the Foyer will become a free-to-take corner of various articles and goods. A financial donation is appreciated but not obligatory. If you have lost an item, please note that our Lost and Found is being cleared out, contact the Office for any questions.

IMITATING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures." These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.

As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us. One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that, "stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations." Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary: Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

* Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx>

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