

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## SCHOOLS:

### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

### *St. Joachim's School*

3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

## PARISH GROUPS:

*St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline)* 416-757-9561

### *Discalced Carmelite Secular Order - O.C.D.S.*

*Lucia dos Santos Community* - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @7:00 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, [maritess8@hotmail.com](mailto:maritess8@hotmail.com)

### *Knights of Columbus - Second Thursday @ 7:15 p.m.*

Frank Grech (GK) 416-424-2111

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[cwl.olof@gmail.com](mailto:cwl.olof@gmail.com)

### *Legion of Mary - Praesidium - every Sat. @ 10:00 a.m.*

Auxiliary Circle - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. @ 1:30 p.m.

### *The Lord's Flock Prayer Group*

Every Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Jun & Cynthia 416-916-1577

### *Missionaries Family of Christ - every 3rd Sat. @ 6:00 pm*

Ed & Beth Zapanta, [Elizabeth.x.zapanta@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.x.zapanta@gmail.com)

## BAPTISMS:

*Application Form from the Parish office.*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

*Contact the Parish Office in September.*

## MARRIAGES:

Couples must personally contact the parish office at least **one full year in advance**. No date may be set before meeting with the priest. **A Marriage Preparation Course is required.**

## ANointing OF THE SICK:

Please contact the nurse station at the hospital for priest on duty. For home visits, call the parish office.

**FUNERALS:** Families requesting a Catholic funeral service for their deceased loved ones should contact a Catholic Funeral Director, preferably from the parish. For help call the parish office.

For information about **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**, please visit the site: [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## MASS SCHEDULES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: NO MASS, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (except First Friday) 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - Rosary, Devotions & Mass 6:30 p.m.

Holidays & Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

First Friday (1 Mass) 7:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION:

**First Saturdays:** : 9:45 - 10:30 am & 3:40 - 4:25 pm

Or call the Office for appointment.

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m - 12:00 Noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 p.m.

**The Office is closed on Saturday, Sunday & Holidays**

We welcome you to **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH** and encourage you to register with us either online or at the Parish office. Kindly support us using the offertory envelopes on a regular basis.

*When making your Will, please remember to include the "FATIMA SHRINE RENOVATION FUND."!*



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. A. Mary Florence (I) Thanksgiving
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
12:15 p.m. +Alfred Bryant Lewis

Monday, December 13

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. +Maria Olinda DaCosta Silva Travassos

Wednesday, December 15

- 7:00 p.m. A. Mary Florence (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. A. Mary Florence (I) Thanksgiving

Friday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. A. Mary Florence (I) Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Fiorino Family (I) Thanksgiving
4:30 pm +Felix Pingol

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 12, 2021

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did?

Contact Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Rev. Fr. Mark Robson at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.



Advent 'WEEK OF CONFESSION'

'Reconciliation/Confessions'

in our parish:

Tues. & Thur., Dec. 14 & 16

09:00 - 10:00 am

Wednesday, Dec. 15

06:00 - 7:00 pm

or call the office for appointment.



Remember to regularly visit our new website:

www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org

Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org

Regularly updated with new photos and weekly announcements

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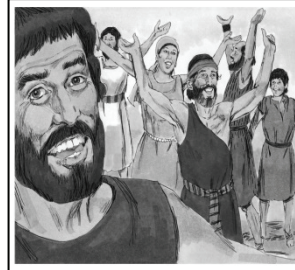
1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18 -

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

An Attitude of Gratitude



'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.' These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for

Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional 'attitude of gratitude.' Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that 'comparison is the thief of joy.' When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

Summary

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.



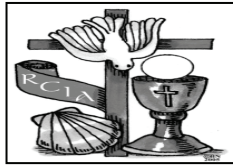
**First Holy Communion 2021-2022**

Students in **Grade 2 & Grade 3** will have their *last class for December 19<sup>th</sup> this Sunday in the church hall at 9:45 a.m. candidates and parents are to attend 10:30 am Mass, volunteer will check attendance right after the service by the entrance door. Classes will resume again in Jan. 09, 2022. Have a blessed Christmas break to you all!*



**R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2021 – Apr. 2022**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program will have their last meetings on *Sunday, December 19, 2021* candidates are to attend *12:15 p.m. Mass* followed by in person meeting in the church hall (prayer room) until 2:00 pm. *Candidates will have their Christmas break and meetings will resume on January 09, 2022.*



**CONFIRMATION 2021-2022**

All students for **CONFIRMATION 2021-2022** **Grade 7 & Grade 8** are now welcome to register, deadline for registration is *Friday, January 21, 2022*, please don't delay as we will not accept any late registration after this date. Application will be available both church office and school. Call the office at **416-757-2806** or email at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org) if you have any questions.



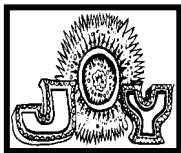
**Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?**



Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household!

**Thank you all very much from ... ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

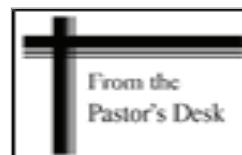
*to all parishioners for your plentiful and generous support to the CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE and GIFT COLLECTION in church during Advent. God reward you abundantly!*



**Christmas 2021 & New Year' Day 2022 Schedules**

Wednesday, December 22 at 7:00 pm Holy Mass  
Thursday, December 23 at 8:00 am Holy Mass  
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Friday, December 24 at 8:00 am Holy Mass  
Family Mass at 6:00 pm Holy Mass  
Christmas Eve at 9:00 pm Holy Mass  
Midnight Mass at 12:00 am Holy Mass  
Saturday, December 25 at 9:30 am Holy Mass & 11:00 am Holy Mass  
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Sunday, December 26 *Regular Scheduled is followed*  
Monday to Thursday December 27 *Regular Scheduled is followed.*  
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Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve at 8:00 am Holy Mass  
End of the Year Holy Mass at 6:00 pm  
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Saturday, January 01 NEW YEAR's at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Mass  
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Sunday, January 2 *Regular Schedule is followed.*  
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**The Parish Office is closed on all statutory holidays!**  
*December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & January 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day falling on the weekend.*

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have their annual **SOCK DRIVE** collections during the weeks of Advent. Donated items will be distributed The Good Sheppard shelter and needy persons before Christmas. *Thank you for your enerosity .*




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*Shout for joy ... the Lord is in your midst ... he will exault with joy over you.*



## Christmas 2021 & New Year 2022 Schedule for Christmas Services



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|---|---|---|
| Wednesday<br>December 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 7:00 pm                                       | Holy Mass                               |
| Thursday<br>December 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 8:00 am                                       | Holy Mass                               |
| Friday<br><b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b><br>Christmas Eve<br><br><i>A Holy and Blessed Christmas</i>   | 8:00 am                                       | Holy Mass                               |
|   | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                | <b>Family Christmas Mass</b>            |
|   | <b>9:00 pm</b>                                | <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>               |
|   | <b>12:00 am<br/>Midnight</b>                  | <b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b>          |
| Saturday<br>December 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Christmas Day<br>   | <i>No early morning Mass on Christmas Day</i> |   |
|   | <b>9:30 am</b>                                | <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>               |
|   | <b>11:00 am</b>                               | <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>               |
| Sunday<br>December 26 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Regular schedule is followed</i>           | <i>for Masses</i>                       |
| Monday to Thursday<br>December 27 <sup>th</sup><br>to December 30   | <i>Regular schedule is followed</i>           | <i>for Masses</i>                       |
| Friday<br>December 31 <sup>st</sup><br>New Year's<br>Eve<br>   | 8:00 am                                       | Holy Mass                               |
|   | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                | <b>End of year Mass of Thanksgiving</b> |
| Sat. January 1 <sup>st</sup><br>New Year's Day<br>Mary,<br>Mother of God<br>   | <b>9:00 am</b>                                | <b>Holy Mass</b>                        |
|   | <b>11:00 am</b>                               | <b>Holy Mass</b>                        |
| Sunday<br>January 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | <i>Regular schedule is followed</i>           | <i>for Masses</i>                       |
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