

# 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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### *Catholic Women's League - every 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. @ 2:00 p.m.*

[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, March 27

- 9:00 a.m. +Nicholas Co
10:30 a.m. Ruperto Fraginal (I) Thanksgiving
12:15 p.m. +Irene De Sequiera

Monday, March 28

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 29

- 8:00 a.m. +Ody Lumanlan

Wednesday, March 30

- 7:00 p.m. +Imelda Udarde

Thursday, March 31

- 8:00 a.m. +Illuminada Bautista

Friday, April 01

- 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Molly Lule (I) Birthday

Saturday, April 02

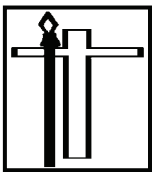
- 9:00 a.m. Micena Benedetti (I)
4:30 p.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes

4th Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2022

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Rev. Fr. Alphonsus Bernard at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS during LENT



During the Lenten season all are invited to gather in church, as a parish community to pray. Adoration (+Benediction) starts at 5:00 pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm every Friday. Join us in prayer as we journey with the suffering Jesus who by his passion, death and resurrection has given us new life.

4th Sunday of Lent-C

- 1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21
Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 - The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Approaching the Mercy of God

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.



However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him."

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must've spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs. As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will host a Lenten Day of Reconciliation in which many priests will be available for the sacrament of Confession. Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity for healing and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

Summary

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son which offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are shown that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father. God longs to forgive us, so let us strive to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent to prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.



**CONFIRMATION 2021-2022**



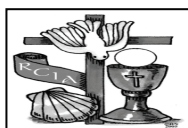
Reminding all parents & Candidates for **CONFIRMATION 2021-2022** **Grade 7 & Grade 8** are having information meeting on Saturday, **April 02, 2022 at 2:30pm in the church hall (basement)**. Please contact the office during office hours if have any questions.

**First Holy Communion 2021-2022**

Classes resume for First Holy Communion this **Sunday, March 27, & April 03 at 9:45 am** in the church hall. Children will have the option of wearing mask during these classes. Thank you.



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



Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). The **2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny will take place this Sunday March 27 at 10:30 am Mass**. Please include our candidates and their families in your prayers. If you have any questions please contact the parish at 416-757-2806 or email at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org).

**This weekend is ShareLife Sunday**

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it’s crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.” – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*



The **first of three collections** in this year’s campaign will be on this weekend **March 26/27, 2022**. Our parish goal is **[\$32,000.00]**. Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

**Please pray for the newly wed in Christ.**

For the month of March 2022:

♥ **Massimo Alessandro Natale & Jessica Nicole Altimari**

May God’s love be the bond that holds your marriage together. *“And the two shall become one flesh.” Mark 10:8*

**Remember to regularly visit our new website:**

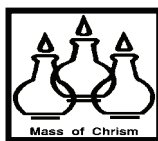
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**MASS OF CHRISM**

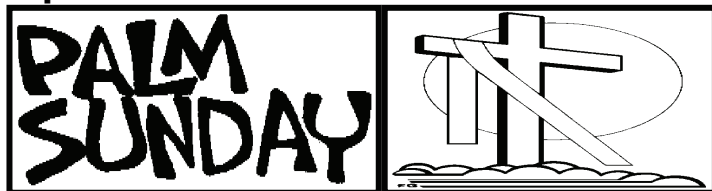
Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with priests of the archdiocese on **Tuesday, April 12 at 11:00 am at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica Toronto, Ontario**.



The Holy Oils – blessed during this Mass – will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from the Easter Vigil.

*Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.*

**April 10 PALM SUNDAY...**



Please note Mass times for Palm Sunday:

[Sat.] 4:30 pm [Sun.] 9:00 am + 10:30 am + 12:30 pm

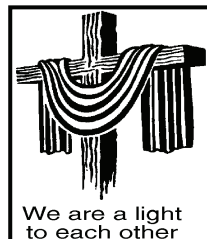
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING HOLY WEEK**

Stations of the Cross are prayed every evening from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week at 6:30 pm before the evening Mass.

On **GOOD FRIDAY** the Stations will be prayed at 7:00 pm.

During these holy days we are all encouraged to reflect and meditate on Christ’s journey of healing, forgive-ness, mercy and love.

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*



**Volunteers Needed in Our Parish**

Interested in getting involved in the parish’s ministries? Our church is currently seeking more volunteers to serve as Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Singers for the choir. Please contact or visit the office if you are willing to contribute your time and talents to our community. May we render all that we have faithfully to the Lord, who always does great things for us.

**From the Pastor’s Desk**

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