

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

3170 ST. CLAIR AVE. EAST, SCARBOROUGH, ON M1L 1V6

PHONE: 416-757-2806 FAX: 416-757-2808

Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org Website: www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org

PASTOR:

Rev. Fr. Alan Glass

OFFICE STAFF:

Aurora Friginal - Secretary

Patrick Callahan - Property Manager

Jack Tobin - Custodian



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 3rd Tues. @ 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

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

Frank Grech (GK) 416-424-2111

Paul St. Pierre (DGK) 416-906-8141

Catholic Women's League - every 1st Sat. @ 2:00 p.m.

cwl.olof@gmail.com

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

Auxiliary Circle - every 2nd 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

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

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:

All First Friday at 5:30 pm, All Wednesday at 5:30-6:50 p.m. and All Saturday at 3:30-4:20 p.m. for emergency please call the office.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00 pm

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, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. +Victoria Parucha
- 12:15 p.m. Adams Family (I) Thanksgiving

Monday, February 27

No Mass

Tuesday, February 28

- 8:00 a.m. +Evangelina Roxas

Wednesday, March 01

- 7:00 p.m. Fortunato Ortega Sr. (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 02

- 8:00 a.m. +Magdalena Hagedorn

Friday, March 03

- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Molly Lule (I) Thanksgiving

Saturday, March 04

- 9:00 a.m. De Mel Family (I) Thanksgiving
- 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

You don't have free will, but don't worry?

'There is free will,' Lady Philosophy answered, 'and no rational nature can exist which does not have it.'
— Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*.

I recently came across a series of short videos on topics in contemporary physics by Sabine Hossenfelder. One of her videos was on 'free will.' She asserted that "free will is nonsense and the idea deserves going into the rubbish bin":

The idea of free will is incompatible with the laws of nature and is logically incoherent. The deterministic laws of nature apply to you and your brain because you are made of particles, and what happens with you is a consequence of what happens with those particles. A lot of people dismiss this as a philosophical position, called 'materialism.' You can refuse to believe that materialism is correct, but I can tell you that this way you will never understand how the universe really works.

Now, Dr. Hossenfelder is absolutely right in stating that there is no way to explain free will by the laws of physics. Nature is indeed deterministic. So, if you start with the assumption that there is nothing other than nature, then logic dictates that free will is only an illusion. The logically consistent atheist must deny the possibility of free will.

Theists have also argued against free will, asserting that because God knows the future, everything is pre-determined. Martin Luther wrote: "God's foreknowledge and omnipotence are diametrically opposed to our free will, for either God can be mistaken in foreknowing or we must act in accordance with his foreknowledge. No one has it in his power to think a good or bad thought, but everything happens by absolute necessity."

This crude argument had already been discredited by the 6th-century Catholic philosopher Boethius. Since God is outside of time, he sees all things as 'present.' So, just as I can see what you are freely doing now in the present moment, so God sees our freely chosen actions in the future, but he does not dictate them — they remain free.

St. Thomas Aquinas, in the *Summa Theologica*, cuts through all the confusion. He writes: "God is the first cause of all things. He moves causes both natural (laws of physics) and voluntary (free will). Just as by moving natural causes he does not interfere with their being natural, so by moving voluntary causes he does not deprive them of their freedom. Rather *God is the cause of this very thing in them!* He operates in each thing according to its own nature." God is the cause of our free acts being free.

Dr. Hossenfelder is wrong in stating that only atheist materialists understand 'how the universe really works.' Catholics also hold that 'natural things have natural causes.' However, the laws of nature deal only with *matter*. We have free will because we have *immaterial* souls.

First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy,**

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

Next Week Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b -10

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Becoming like God

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).



Every Friday during Lent

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Except for 1st Friday at 6:30 pm.

Every Saturday in Lent ...

9:00 am Morning Mass
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



Confirmation Classes 2023



Applications for **CONFIRMATION** are available in the office. Candidates must submit their application as soon as possible. Candidates from Public Schools can contact the office during office hours at 416-757-2806 to pick up a form. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings and **First Holy Communion** classes continues this *Sunday February 26, 2023.*



First Confession for the communicant will be this Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Parents are asked to help their children at home to get ready for this important event in their spiritual life. Attendance for these session are mandatory. Thank you.

R.C.I.A. program for 2022-2023 – sessions ...



Sessions are held in the 'Stage Room' every Saturday at 10.00 am in our church hall. Each session last more or less 60 minutes. The next sessions are on **Feb. 25, & Mar.04, 11, 18 & 25.** At this point we cannot accept any more new applicants. *Thank you*

THE RITE OF ELECTION

Will be celebrated today **February 26 at 2:00 p.m.** – 1st Sunday of Lent –at **St. Barnabas Parish, 10 Washburn Way, Scarborough, Ontario.** This is celebration during which all candidates are formally initiated in the Catholic community that welcomes them. They are now expected to continue their journey toward Baptism and full communion in a more committed manner and closer to the community that is welcoming them.

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

✠ *Kiera Alfonso Mugabi, Gianluca Mirijello & Erin Rodrigues*

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. Galatians 3:26

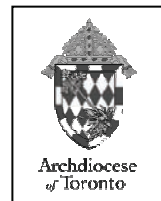
**Pope Francis Intention for March 2023
For Victims of Abuse**



- We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Turkey and Syria Earthquake Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief effort to thousands of people devastated by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake with violent aftershocks in both Turkey and Syria, toppling thousands of buildings and creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war. Freezing cold weather conditions are complicating rescue operations and adding further risk to survivors. Those wishing to help may do so by: **A) Online through the Archdiocese website at www.archtoronto.org; B) Phone through the Development Office Office at 416-934-3411; C) Making cheques payable to: Our Lady of Fatima - Turkey & Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief.** Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.



Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary



Friday., March 17, 2023 7:00 pm to Sunday., March 19, 2023 1:30 pm

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at **St. Augustine's Seminary**, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives.

SPECIAL ADDRESS FROM HIS EMINENCE, THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS

Learn from his many years of experience as a Seminarian, Deacon, Priest, Bishop & Cardinal. Opportunity for Q&A. Holy Mass, Communal Prayer, Discernment Stories, Testimonials from Seminarians, Seminary Tour, Fellowship
TO REGISTER: Suggested donation of \$100, no one will be turned away for financial reasons. For more info, email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

**We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
Because by your Holy Cross you have
redeemed the world.**

Domenic & Sons

ONE  AUTO SHOP

REPAIR ALL MAKES & MODELS
Oil Change Special with Ad

\$24.95 + HST

Synthetic Extra Parishioner

416-755-5062

445 Pharmacy Ave. at Florens

Discover the *Delmanor Difference,*

Independent and Supportive Living Options
Guest Stays Available

416-331-9797

DELMANOR

Wynford

Inspired Retirement Living™

delmanor.com

KAY PLUMBING LTD.

Repairs & Alterations

Remodeling

24 Hr. Service

416-265-2723

De La Salle College "Oaklands"



Now Accepting Applications from Grade 5 through 12
416-969-8771

Gumatay Electric Inc.

Lic. Electrical Contractor
ECRA/ESA Lic. 7009438

Breaker Panel Upgrades
Lighting • Wiring • Rewiring
EV Chargers
Troubleshooting, etc.

647-986-2596



1150 Victoria Park Ave.



All home improvements

No job too small

Bathroom Renovations

Metro Lic #B10024

416-266-3434

alan@husbandforhire.com



"FREE HOME EVALUATION & CONSULTATION!"

Joe Cicciarella, Real Estate Broker

416-220-3126

info@joerealtyservices.com

www.joerealtyservices.com

REAL ESTATE HOMEWARD, BROKERAGE

"Contact Joe for all your Real Estate needs!"

SALES REPRESENTATIVE WANTED

Liturgical Publications, your weekly bulletin printer has an opening for a **full time Sales Representative.**
Base Salary • Commission • Car Allowance • Travel Expenses
If you have a drive to succeed and are self-motivated, email your resume to salesrep@parishbulletins.com

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES FUNERAL SERVICES

In keeping with your Catholic faith
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Christ the King Cemetery
905-471-0121

Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home
905-889-7467

PROFESSIONAL 1 HOUR DRY CLEANERS

Cleaning On The Premises

\$1.79 Shirts

Pants \$7.99/3 Pr.

2 Piece Suits \$7.39

"We're Out To Win You Over"

1116 Victoria Park 416-759-5798



Experience You Can Trust!



I HELP YOU MOVE HOME UNBEATABLE COMMISSION PACKAGES

CALL SIMON TODAY

Cell: 416-206-4223

Bus: 416-289-3333

info@homesbysimon.com

www.homesbysimon.com

Simon Marshall
Real Estate Salesperson

I have SOLUTIONS for your NEEDS

885 Progress Ave. Suite #209, Toronto, ON M1H 3G3
Not intended to solicit persons or properties currently under contractual obligation.

SWISS CHALET

ROTISSERIE & GRILL

We Welcome All Parishioners

For Lunch & Dinner
Free Soup or Salad with Purchase of Entrée (must present coupon)

Mon - Sat 11:30-10:00pm
Sun 11-9:30pm

1400 O'Connor Drive
416-701-9869



located at Victoria Park & Eglinton Ave. (Inside the Golden Mile Mall)

• Physiotherapy • Massage • Chiropractic • Chiropody/Podiatry

Call to book your appointment today: 416.477.1414

or book online at KIROMEDICA.CA