

# 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 3rd Tues. @ 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 1st 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 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](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 - Adoration, Devotions & Mass 6:00 pm

Holidays & Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

First Friday (1 Mass) Devotions & Mass 6:00 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, September 10

9:00 a.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

12:15 p.m. +Oliver Raeburn

### Monday, September 11

No Mass

### Tuesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Claring Casero (I) Thanksgiving

### Wednesday, September 13

7:00 p.m. +Miguel Rodrigues

### Thursday, September 14

8:00 a.m. John Buwalda (I) Thanksgiving

### Friday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Lisa & Monica Casero (I) Thanksgiving

### Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m. +Tony Fernandes

4:30 p.m. +Arthur Robson

### 23rd Sunday in OT -September 10, 2023

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact



**Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call Rev. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org) for more information.**

### Next Week Readings

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiving and Being Forgiven

**1st Reading: Sirach 27.30-28-7**

**2nd Reading: Romans 13.8-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35**

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

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

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

#### *The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order*

It is considered good to walk in the vanities and pleasures of the world. But if any begin to give themselves to God, there are so many to criticize them that they need to seek companionship. Otherwise they will find themselves in much difficulty. — St. Teresa of Avila

On Saturday, September 9th, we celebrated the 14th anniversary of the establishment in this parish of the Lucia Dos Santos Community of the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order. Lucia Dos Santos, better known simply as Sister Lucia, was one of the three children to whom our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima. Sister Lucia lived most of her life, until her death in 2005, as a Discalced Carmelite nun.

The ‘discalced’ Carmelites were a reform movement started by St. Teresa of Avila in Spain in the 16th century. Like many other religious orders, the Carmelites developed a ‘secular’ branch, which offers spiritual formation for lay people. Carmelite spirituality centers on prayer, taking inspiration from the great Carmelite Saints, St. Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux.

St. Teresa is celebrated as a great religious reformer. She was to a large extent responsible for a resurgence of the faith in her time. However, she did not set out to reform the Carmelite Order. Rather, her ambition was simply to live a more intense life of prayer within the Order. To accomplish this she set up a small convent where she and a small group of like-minded women could develop their relationship with God. It was never her intention to reform anyone else except herself. However, she set an example of holiness that other people saw, and admired, and followed.

There have been many other great Saints since Teresa’s passing on 15 October 1582. It is safe to say that every one of them has learned from St. Teresa. Like all true prophets, St. Teresa points us towards Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In Jesus’ day shepherds did not drive the sheep ahead of them; rather, they walked in front, and the sheep followed. St. Teresa is like the ‘bell-whether’, the lead ewe following the shepherd, with the other sheep coming up behind. St. Teresa does not have ‘followers’, rather she has an army of ‘friends’ who accompany her as she follows Jesus.

Today, there are many who say that the faith of St. Teresa is outdated, as if the Gospel has a ‘best by’ date. No. The Church is *semper reformanda*, always in need of reform. We need a new St. Teresa! Thankfully, we still have the original St. Teresa. Her words of teaching are still with us and they have lost none of their freshness and power. We still have a solid core of ‘intentional disciples’, such as those in the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order, who are intent on drawing closer to God in prayer and the Sacraments.



## School Mass for September 2023



### Our Lady of Fatima School

**Tues. Sept. 26, 2023 at 9:00 am**

### St. Joachim School

**Thurs. Sept. 14, 2023 at 9:30 am**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will be resuming this **Sunday, September 10, 2023** during the **10:30 am Mass** in the church hall. All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to attend and participate.



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Registration & information for **CONFIRMATION** will be on **Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm** in the church hall. Parents & grade 7 students are invited to attend. Schedule of classes will be given on this day.

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Applications for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** are available in the office during office hours.

On **Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm** there will be a parents meeting in the church hall. **Classes starts on Sunday, September 17** **Introductory lesson; children will receive portfolio & necessary book. Thank you**

## R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2023 – Apr. 2024

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church? Already a Catholic and would like to deepen your faith? Perhaps you want to refresh your catholic doctrine? Then you are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program, a journey of prayer and instruction for those who wish to explore and strengthen the beauty of the Catholic faith. If you or anyone you know is interested, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us at (416) 757-2806. Email: [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org). Forms and schedules may be available from our website on a later date. Thanks.

## Season of Creation Sept. 1 – Oct. 4, 2023

The Season of Creation begins September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and runs through October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is: "Let Justice and Peace Flow".

## Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

✠ **Emma Everly Berube, Ryle Abraham Cruz,**

**Elia Mae Mago, Hannah Ren Casido,**

**Anthony Manuel Indovina**

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

## REMINDER THAT ...

There is a second collection - on **September 16/17** for the **Renovation Fund**. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance and support. May God reward abundantly.

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



## Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, **St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.).** Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!



## Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, on the of weekend Sept. 23-24.



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCC) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movement. Each year, the CCC is asked to speak out, show leadership or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our bishops to be able to make proper judgements on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research, expert advice and capable administration which is also funded by this collection. In addition to contributions, we are also asked to pray for the work of the bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCC.

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