

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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

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Lucia dos Santos Community - every 3rd Tues. @ 7:00 p.m.

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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 - 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 17

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. +Zoilo Libunao

12:15 p.m. +Fe Isabelita A. Dela Cruz

Monday, September 18

No Mass

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 a.m. +Alan H. Miller

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. +Concordia Cuella

Thursday, September 21

8:00 a.m. +Emily Osorio

Friday, September 22

8:00 a.m. +Gregorio Casero

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. +Arthur Robson

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

24th Sunday in OT –September 17, 2023



"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-**

968-0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Rev. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rejoicing in our Neighbour's Gift

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Life in the Spirit

Just as the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul. We are only truly alive when we are alive in the Holy Spirit. — St. Irenaeus

I know several people whose faith has been jolted back to life by the *Life in the Spirit* seminar. This experience of spiritual renewal has been called 'baptism in the Spirit' — a misleading term borrowed from the Protestant Charismatic movement. When we were baptized in the Catholic Church, usually as infants, we were baptized 'in water and the Holy Spirit.' No further 'baptism' is needed, nor is it possible.

In the Rite of Baptism, the baptized person is given a candle which has been lit from the Easter Candle, with the command to "keep this flame of faith alive in your heart!" Sadly, in most cases, that flame is soon allowed to go out. A baptized child may subsequently receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation without that flame ever being reignited.

We can think of the sacramental grace that is given to us in Baptism as being like receiving a new cell phone, one which connects us to God. The 'flame of faith' is the battery. If the battery is not kept charged then the phone becomes useless. In the Sacrament of Confirmation we get a major 'upgrade.' But again, if the battery is dead, that new improved phone is just a paperweight.

When our spiritual battery is dead the graces of the Sacraments — Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage — remain inactive. The experience of 'baptism in the Spirit' is the charging of our battery. In an instant all those sacramental graces come alive. Our soul is like a house which has been sealed up for years; when the windows are opened the sunlight and fresh air flood in.

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." The aim of the *Life in the Spirit* seminar is to hear Jesus knocking and to open the door and invite him in.

We all ought to desire a closer relationship with God. We should all earnestly yearn for the Holy Spirit to be more fully active in our souls. Yet we feel within ourselves 'a remarkable resistance.' We are afraid of what the Spirit may do if we truly allow him to be the life of our souls. We fear that the Holy Spirit may actually transform us.

In face of this fear, we need to remember, as St. Augustine says, that "God is more present to us, than we are to ourselves." This is the God who created our souls by a pure act of love. The Holy Spirit does not transform us into something other than ourselves; rather, in the Holy Spirit we become more truly who we are, who God created us to be. Here we need to recall the words of Pope John Paul II: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!"



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will continue this **Sunday, September 17, 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.





Applications for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** are available in the office during office hours. **Classes start this Sunday, September 17** *Introductory lesson; children will receive portfolio & necessary book. Thank you.*

Registration & information for **CONFIRMATION** will be on **Friday, September 22 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. 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. Forms and schedules may be available from our website on a later date. Thanks.

INFANT JESUS NOVENA-2023



Novena 6- Wed. **Sept. 27** at 6:00pm

Novena 7 -Wed. **Oct. 25** at 6:00 pm

Novena 8- Wed. **Nov.22** at 6:00 pm

Novena 9- Wed. **Dec. 20** at 6:00 pm

The Feast of the Infant Jesus of

Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024.

From the Pastor's Desk

Liturgical Publications, the printers of our bulletin, will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin – advertising begins December 2018. Please remember that these advertisements make our bulletin possible. Do support the bulletin and advertise your products or services with us.

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There is a second collection at all of next weekend's Masses for the **NEEDS OF CHURCH IN CANADA** ... this annual collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada* is done in all parishes across the nation next weekend, **September 23/24**. Funds are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) for national, international, pastoral and humanitarian activities worldwide. Please pray for the work of the Bishops of our nation. Visit www.cccb.ca for more information.



ShareLife: Combating hunger through your compassion.



Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. We have currently raised [insert total raised] towards our suggested goal of [insert goal amount]. Please support our fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive 023

The members of the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** would like to appeal to your generosity for our **2023 Food Drive**. This year, due to the logistics of managing a food pantry as well as the changing needs of our *Neighbours In Need*, we will no longer be requesting actual food donations. Going forward we will be providing our Neighbours In Need with **Food Vouchers** which they can use at the local No Frills grocery store. With the receipt of food vouchers our Neighbours In Need will be able to purchase the food they need for their specific dietary requirements. This fall we ask that you please help us feed the hungry with your monetary donations. Saint Vincent de Paul Envelopes will be placed at each entry way of the church. By using a SVDP envelope and placing your full name and address and existing church envelope number if available, we will be able to issue a tax receipt for your donation (Of \$20 or more) at the end of year. In the Spirit of Thanksgiving, let us share our blessings with our neighbours-in-need. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of this ministry now and throughout the year..



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