OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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Rev. Fr. Glass



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*

OFFICE STAFF:

Aurora Fraginal - 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 2**nd **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

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

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. +Ann Deang

10:30 a.m. +Cedric Bernardez

12:15 p.m. +Carlos Rodriguez

Monday, September 25

No Mass

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Perlita Punzalan & Family (I) Thanksgiving

Wednesday, September 27

7:00 p.m. +Adrian Vaz

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. +Timothy Reagan

Friday, September 29

8:00 a.m. +Maribeth Q. Batuigas (I) Thanksgiving

7:00 p.m. +Arthur McDonald

Saturday, September 30

9:00 a.m. +Arthur Robson

4:30 p.m. +Gaetan Dumas

25th Sunday in OT -September 24, 2023

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parable of the Two Sons

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

Seeking to Serve Rather than be Served Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

That's the deal.

The pain I feel now is the happiness I had before. That's the deal. — C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

My mother, Ida, will be turn 93 on September 25th. Her parents immigrated from Poland to Montreal in the late 1920's. Mom was the second child of four; the first to be born in Canada. She was nine years old when the German army invaded Poland, starting the Second World War.

Mom has always been a hard worker. At sixteen she was baking pies and cakes on her own for the Woolworth's lunch counter. She married my Dad in 1950. According to my Dad, when they got back from their short wedding vacation she told him, "The honeymoon is over."

I came along eight years later, the fifth child of six. My Mom stayed home until my little sister was in school. I remember odd things from those days. For example, the local radio station had a phone-in contest based on the news report. Mom would diligently take notes during the news broadcast and then call in. She sometimes won.

Mom would take me and my little sister in the 'coaster' to the grocery store, then she would pull the groceries home. That coaster was also used for hauling heavy bags of newspapers. My older brothers had newspaper routes for the afternoon paper, the Montreal Star. Occasionally my Mom would do the Saturday deliveries and she would take me along. We had a huge ring of punch cards for the weekly collection. It was a huge thrill to be handed a fifty-cent coin as a tip (even if it went to my brother) — I was only six or seven years old at the time and probably quite cute.

When my sister started kindergarten, Mom got a job running a factory 'canteen' cooking breakfast and lunch meals. She kept at that until my Dad retired. By then my little sister was living in Ottawa and had her first child. Mom insisted that her grand-children were not going to be put in day-care, so she moved to Ottawa to look after them. My sister would drop the kids off on her way to work and my Mom would bring them to school. When she helped out in the kindergarten all the kids called her 'grandma.' When the grand-kids grew up she went through a difficult period, feeling 'useless', but then the great-grand-kids started coming and all was well.

Even after my Dad passed away my Mom would have the grand-kids with her all summer at the country place. When I was in the seminary I would spend my summers with her as well. Those were good times — *very* good times. We sold that country place two years ago. Now she asks me, "Do you miss it?" Yes, I miss it very much.

Mom has now been in a nursing home for just over a month. It was no longer possible to care for her properly at home. In a way, these are sad times. But as Lewis observed, the sadness now is part of the happiness then.





CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy meetings & First Holy Communion classes will continue this Sunday, September 24 & Oct. 01, 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.

Registration for **CONFIRMATION** is on-going or if you need an application they are available during office hours only. 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.

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This occasion will be marked with the celebration of Mass, which will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 12 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration, located at 10350 Victoria Square Blvd. in



Markham. Monsignor Makarios Wehbi will preside, and Bishop John Boissonneau will be the homilist. A short program will follow. All are welcome. The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay."

School Mass for September 2023



Our Lady of Fatima School
Tues. Sept. 26, 2023 at 9:00 am
Please pray for all the students in our
community that the Holy Spirit may

continue to guide and protect them.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. This year celebration will be at St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. - all are welcome to attend. You can donate through your local parish or online anytime at: ww.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (OLF- Council #16989)



If you're looking friendship conversation The Knights of Columbus will be serving tea, coffee & cookies after



the 10:30 am and 12:15 pm Mass this

Sunday, September 24th and on each last Sunday of the month in our church hall. Everyone are welcome.

2023 Life Chain

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the



sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at

hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join the *Knight of Columbus and other volunteers on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Danforth & Victoria Park.* This is a family friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. As Our Lord asked of His disciples: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37)

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive 2023



Monetary collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of September 30 & October 01, 2023. Food Voucher will be provided to our Neighbors in In Need. 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 (0f \$20 or more) at the end of year. Thank you for your generous support. May God reward you always.

Missionary Families of Christ Defending Faith, Family & Life.

--invites you to a Christian Life Seminar starting **October 24**, **2023** the seminar will run for 6 Saturdays in our church hall after the 4:30 pm Mass and is an ideal opportunity for Christian renewal.



It offers to all Christian adults - single or married - a renewed understanding of our commitment to God and means to revitalize our life in the Christian community. MFC representatives will be distributing flyers after each Mass on the weekend. Thank you.

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