

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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Our Lady of Fatima School

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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

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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, November 26
9:00 a.m. +People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. +Mario Robles Abueg
12:15 p.m. Sylvie Numfor (I) Thanksgiving

Monday, November 27
No Mass

Tuesday, November 28
8:00 a.m. +Timothy Reagan

Wednesday, November 29
7:00 p.m. +All Souls Listed in the Remembrance Bk.

Thursday, November 30
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 01
7:00 pm Philomena & Christopher Singhroy (I)

Saturday, December 02
9:00 a.m. +Aurelio Quindipan
4:30 p.m. Stephen Opoku

34th Christ the King Sunday - November 26, 2023

“Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?” Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve 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. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

First Sunday of Advent

The Necessity for Watchfulness

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1,3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Grace builds on nature

Three things have been said of me: in my youth, that I was beautiful; later, that I was clever; and now, that I am holy. For a short time I believed the first two and now I have repented of it, but I have never been so deluded as to dream of believing the third. — St. Teresa of Avila

In fact, Teresa of Avila was charming and intelligent; for this reason, people greatly enjoyed her company. She was also endowed with more than the usual portion of practical good sense. We say that ‘grace builds on nature’, and divine grace elevated Teresa’s natural gifts to the extent that she became a great Saint, a great Reformer, and a great Doctor of the Church. As her translator and biographer, E. Allison Peers said of her: “There is no life more real than the interior life of the soul; there is no writer who has a firmer hold on reality than St. Teresa.”

As another observer commented:

True saints are people of experience and action. They have a sense of organization, the gift of commanding, and a head for business. Their works endure. In their endeavours they demonstrate prudence, daring, and good sense. As a matter of fact, good sense seems to be their fundamental quality, coupled with the most unusual powers of perception.

On the basis of this description, I can see similarities between St. Teresa and Mother Angelica, the founder of The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), another great reformer. Mother Angelica brought the faith into millions of homes by her television and radio broadcasts. She knew the Bible and the Catechism, and she loved the Lord. In 1985, Pope John Paul II said that “EWTN is the key to restoring the Roman Catholic Church in America.” This uneducated Poor Clare nun did more to revitalize the faith than any other single person in the last fifty years.

Certainly, St. Teresa and Mother Angelica were both ‘daring.’ St. Teresa dared to establish a small convent in which the Carmelite rule could be lived in its original simplicity, overcoming strong opposition from the religious authorities. Mother Angelica dared to launch a television channel despite having no financial resources. Her motto was: “Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous.”

St. Teresa and Mother Angelica were not at all similar in personality but they were both ‘real.’ They never tried to put on a ‘pious’ demeanor. They never tried to be anything other than who they were. They both had a deep abiding faith and an intense personal relationship with Christ. The grace of God worked through their individual personalities. Holiness shone through St. Teresa’s charm and intelligence, and through Mother Angelica’s feisty humor.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy meetings & First Holy Communion classes will continue this Sunday, November 26 & December 02 & 09, 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.

A gentle reminder ... RENOVATIONS FUND



During all Masses this Sunday November 25/26 we have a 2nd collection in support of the parish's future renovation funds. Thank you for your generous and continuous support and may God bless us all!

Knight of Columbus 2023

Knight of Columbus started the Annual SOCK DRIVE and will continue during the weeks of Advent. Donated unused socks, scarfs and gloves will be distributed to the local charities. Also, selling Nativity Crèche Raffle for \$5.00 at the back of the church. Draw date will be on Sat. Dec.16, 2023 after the 4:30 pm Mass.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December 2023



For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"

'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church:

Wednesday, Dec. 13

5:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Thursday, Dec. 14

5:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Friday, Dec. 15

5:00 pm – 6:45 pm



CONFESSIONS

Annual Christmas Collection

Dec 03/04

We count on your support ...

The members of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Fatima Church would like to thank you in advance and appeal for your generous support of this year's Christmas donation. Thanks to your help we are able as a parish to assist many Neighbors in Need and get them through a difficult time. There is a second offering envelope in your boxes on December 3. We are so grateful for ongoing support and prayers. Let us together make this time a blessed and happy time for all.



May the grace of God be with you all.

Help homeless youth through ShareLife



NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

While Covenant House is located in Toronto, the homeless youth served by this agency arrive from throughout our archdiocese, including our own community. Your support makes its lifesaving programs like transitional housing possible. "Your commitment to love and care for youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking truly means so much," says the agency's director. "You give youth a real chance for a better future." Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate

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