

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## PARISH GROUPS:

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

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

Contact: Teresa Casino, [maritess8@hotmail.com](mailto:maritess8@hotmail.com)

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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, December 03**

- 9:00 a.m. +People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Ben Jaluague (I) Thanksgiving
- 12:15 p.m. +Rose Marie Kimberley Junor

**Monday, December 04**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 05**

- 8:00 a.m. Robert Nanlan (I) Healing

**Wednesday, December 06**

- 7:00 p.m. David Nanlal & Family (I) Thanksgiving

**Thursday, December 07**

- 8:00 a.m. Jacqueline McCarles (I) Thanksgiving

**Friday, December 08**

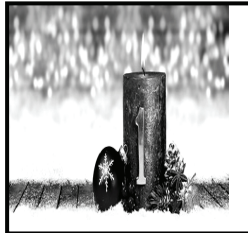
- 8:00 a.m. +Cecile & Rene Dumas
- 7:00 pm +Albert Adams

**Saturday, December 09**

- 9:00 a.m. +Kathleen Kavanagh
- 4:30 p.m. Cassie & Kevin Cabioc (I) Thanksgiving

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 03, 2023**

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master’s return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God’s "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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**

Second Sunday of Advent

Preparing the Way of the Lord

**1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14 & Gospel: Mark 1.1-8**

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

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

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*Holy boldness*

Saints are God’s ‘dummies.’ God has a special love for those who are willing to be fools for his love and who have the courage to plunge forward full steam ahead when it comes to serving him. Dummies are not stupid. They simply do not know that it cannot be done. They only know that they have to be tough, that they have to be humble, and that they have to trust absolutely in the Lord. If they do these things in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, then they are sure to please the Lord and bring forth blessings for the entire world. — Mother Angelica

For Mother Angelica, ‘holy boldness’ was an ‘eleventh commandment.’ But it was boldness in service to the Truth. As St. Augustine says, “It is not the suffering that makes the martyr, but the cause.” For Mother Angelica, the cause was to make known the sublime beauty of our Catholic Faith. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” What an amazing realization! The eternal God became incarnate, taking on our human nature, in order to suffer and die for each of us. Not for *humanity*! But for *you*, personally; and for me. “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.” Each of us is a beloved child of God.

There are many in this world who are bold for evil, and we rightly call them villains. Only those who are bold for good are called heroes. Mother Angelica is one of our Catholic heroes because she was bold in her profession and proclamation of the fullness of the Catholic faith.

Again, I cannot help comparing Mother Angelica to that great Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila, another one of God’s ‘dummies.’ St. Teresa also taught the importance of holy boldness:

When a good inspiration comes to you, do not hesitate because of fear. I know by experience that if I resolve to do a thing for God’s sake alone, it is his will that my soul shall at first be afraid. But if one lives a life of detachment for God’s sake alone, there is no reason to be afraid that things will turn out amiss, since he is all-powerful.

I make no claim to sharing in that holy boldness. My tendency is to follow the advice of St. Augustine that it is better to make slow progress along the right path than to make great strides in the wrong direction. As Mother Angelica has said:

If you want to do something for the Lord, take the first step. The grace comes with that first step, and you get the grace as you step. It is doing nothing when you are afraid that is the problem.



**The Christmas Collection**  
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, Dec.03*, candidates will be participating at *10:30 am Mass in the church for the First Advent*. 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**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

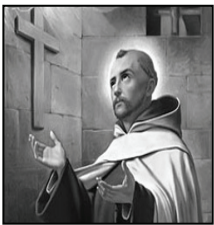


**of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Friday, December 08, 2023**

8:00 am Morning Mass & Rosary  
5:00 pm Holy Hour & Rosary  
7:00 pm Evening Mass

*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee..*

**FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**



*Doctor of the Church and co-founder of the Discalced Carmelite Order*

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

- > Morning Mass will be at 8:00 am
- > Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.
- > HolyMass at 7:00 p.m.

***"Whoever does not seek the Cross of Christ doesn't see the Glory of Christ."***

**FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

We welcome all offerings of support for the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope, and fill in the requested information [including your regular envelope number, if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt] seal envelope with offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine.

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

**✠ Richardson Kolton E. Grant,  
Elijah Devin, Elisa Nesta,  
& Kevina Paulina Monlouis  
& Dylan Sebido**

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

**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

**Archbishop Leo invites you to join**

**ShareLife's fight against hunger**



**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. "It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right," shares Archbishop Francis Leo. "Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy." Please support the fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry.

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**Presents: Rejoice, be glad,  
... God is with us!**

**Christmas Novena Prayers,  
Songs, Mass & Fellowship for  
Parish Families.**

*all  
are  
welcome*

**Daily from Friday, December 15 to  
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