

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## SCHOOLS:

### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

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

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[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 10**

- 9:00 a.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:15 p.m. +Mary Jones

**Monday, December 11**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 12**

- 8:00 a.m. Edna Nanlan (I) Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, December 13**

- 7:00 p.m. +Evangelina Roxas

**Thursday, December 14**

- 8:00 a.m. +Everest Belgrave
- 7:00 p.m. Order of the Carmelite

**Friday, December 15**

- 8:00 a.m. +Saluzin & Irene De Sequeira
- 7:00 pm **Novena 1**

**Saturday, December 16**

- 9:00 a.m. +Rosemary
- 4:30 p.m. +Timothy Reagan + **Novena 2**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2023**



John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call,

**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**

Third Sunday of Advent

The Testimony of John the Baptist

**1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-24**

**Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28**

Choosing Joy

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

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

*Creed or Chaos?*

Official Christianity, of late years, has been getting 'bad press.' We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because preachers insist too much upon doctrine — 'dull dogma', as people call it. The fact is the precise opposite. It is the neglect of dogma that makes for dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man — and the dogma is the drama. — Dorothy Sayers (1938)

I came across this quote by English novelist Dorothy Sayers in a collection of essays entitled "Creed or Chaos?" Like fellow Anglican, C. S. Lewis, Sayer was reacting to the dumbing down of the Christian message to make it more acceptable to modern sensibilities.

The doctrinal 'chaos' that Sayers was describing was by no means a recent development. John Henry Newman was preaching against it a century earlier, first as an Anglican clergyman and later as a Catholic priest. When he was made a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII, Newman said in his acceptance speech: "For thirty, forty, fifty years, I have resisted to the best of my powers the spirit of liberalism in religion." He defined 'liberalism' as the 'anti-dogmatic principle,' the belief that 'there is no positive truth in religion.' Newman wrote: "Dogma has always been the fundamental principle of my religion. I know no other religion. I cannot enter into the idea of any other sort of religion. Religion, as a mere sentiment, is to me a dream and a mockery."

It should come as no surprise that simple adherence to Christian doctrine is now being disdained as 'rigidity' or 'fundamentalism', in favor of 'openness to new ideas.' Into the dumpster are tossed the words of St. Paul: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." And those of Pope John Paul II: "Culture is not the measure of the Gospel, but it is Jesus Christ who is the measure of every culture and every human action."

The great Dominican theologian, Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange addressed the matter with his usual clarity:

We must study dogma in itself and not in relation to contemporary needs. If these needs become the norm what will remain of revealed Truth? It is not by impoverishing the word of God that souls are saved.

Or, getting back to Dorothy Sayers:

Let us, in Heaven's name, free the Divine Drama from the accumulation of slipshod thinking and trashy sentiment that has been heaped upon it, and set it on an open stage to startle the world into some vigorous reaction. If men are offended by Christ, let them be offended. It is not the business of the Church to adapt Christ to men, but to adapt men to Christ.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, December 10. Final meeting for the Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 14, 2024* during the **10:30 am Mass** in the church hall.



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

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**  
**Mass is at 8:00 am & Rosary**



*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary, and Mother of the True God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Fatima Shrine*  
*Presents: Rejoice, be glad,*  
*... God is with us!*

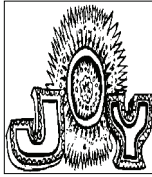
**Christmas Novena Prayers**  
**Songs, Mass & Fellowship for**  
**Parish Families.**



Daily from Friday, December 15 to Saturday, December 23, 2023. Fellowship after 4:30 pm Mass in the church hall.

Please contact the office for more information at 416-757-2806.

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**School Mass for December**



**OLF School - Advent Mass**

**Wed. December 13, 2023 at 9:00 am**

**St. Joachim School - Advent Mass**

**Thurs. December 14, 2022 at 1:00pm**

**Wishing all staff and student a very**

**Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!**

**Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools 2024**

Registrations in the schools start **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** at 10:00 am. Parents with



children born in 2020 or earlier who will be enrolling in Kindergarten have the opportunity to apply on-line using the *Student On-line Admission and Registration* platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://spar.tcdsb.org>. The on-line application offers access to translations in different languages, 24 hours a day, and with built-in help functions and features. For more details contact the school office.

# **Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule**

## **Usual Mass times**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:00 am. Saturday 9:00 am.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Holy Hour begin at 6:00pm)

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

## **Christmas Novena Masses**

(In addition to the regularly scheduled Mass)

- (1) Friday, December 15, 7:00 pm
- (2) Saturday, December 16, 4:30 pm (with regular Mass)
- (3) Sunday, December 17, 12:15 pm (with regular Mass)
- (4) Monday, December 18, 7:00 pm
- (5) Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 pm
- (6) Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm (with regular Mass)
- (7) Thursday, December 21, 7:00 pm
- (8) Friday, December 22, 7:00 pm
- (9) Saturday, December 23, 4:30 pm (with regular Mass)

## **Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - 9:00 am & 10:30 am) **No Mass at 12:15 pm**

**6:00 pm — 9:00 pm — 12:00 midnight**

(Carols begin half hour before each Mass)

## **Christmas Day: Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am — 10:30 am — 12:15 pm (Mass for Christmas's Day)**

## **New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am, 10:30 am, & 12:15 pm

## **New Year's Day, Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am — 10:30 am — (Mass for New Year's) No Mass at 12:15 pm**

Regular Mass to be followed on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Parish Office will be closed on December 26 & 27, and January 2.

***Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year!***

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