

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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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, January 14
 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes
 12:15 p.m. Perlita Punzalan (I) Thanksgiving

Monday, January 15
 No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 16
 8:00 a.m. + Mercy & Christie Emmanuel

Wednesday, January 17
 7:00 p.m. +Gail Rodrigues

Thursday, January 18
 8:00 a.m. +Martha M. Pingol

Friday, January 19
 8:00 a.m. +Rosario C. Rodolfo

Saturday, January 20
 9:00 a.m. +Modesto Iorio
 4:30 p.m. +Edmundo & Teofila Majam

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 14, 2024



A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just

try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fishing for Christ

1st Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Jesus calls the First Disciples

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

My mother, Ida Glass, passed away quietly in Ottawa last Sunday at the age of 93. My sister called me in the early afternoon to give me the news. I had been in Ottawa all that week and visited her daily. On Thursday she was alert and we had a good visit, but on Friday she was sleeping. It was clear that she was gradually slipping away, so my sister's call was not a total surprise. Still, even though I knew that I would one day get that call, it was still a shock.

My Mom was born in 1930, the second of four children, of Polish immigrants who settled in Montreal. She was baptized Jadwiga but in school that changed to Ida. Her mother worked as a seamstress in the garment district; her father was a laborer in a coal plant. My grandfather died in his early fifties before I was born, but we were always close to my Babcia. At age seventeen my Mom was working at Woolworth's, baking pies and cakes for the lunch counter. My Mom could always throw together a cake or pie at a moment's notice.

After she married my Dad she was a stay-at-home Mom with six children, until my little sister was in kindergarten. She then got a job running a 'canteen' at a factory, preparing breakfast and dinner for the workers. It was a perfect job for her: she liked being around people and she liked cooking. But if you wanted to make my Mom really happy all you had to do was give her a baby to hold. She loved babies. That is how I remember her.

Of course I am very sad, but my Mom was ready to go. She had come to the end of her life. An end is not always an abrupt cessation or interruption; it can also be a completion, as when a weaver comes to the end of his work and removes the finished cloth from the loom. My Mom's earthly journey, in that sense, has been completed.

It is hard to put my feelings into words, so I will let St. Augustine do it for me:

I did not think it right, O Lord, to mark my mother's death with weeping because such lamentations are the usual accompaniment of death when it is thought of as a state of misery or as total extinction. But she has not died in misery nor had she wholly died. Of this we were certain.

But later, as I lay alone in bed, I thought of her devoted love for you and the tenderness and patience she had shown to me, like the holy woman that she was. Of all this I found myself suddenly deprived, and it was a comfort to me to weep for her and for myself and to offer my tears to you for her sake and for mine. The tears which I had been holding back streamed down, and I let them flow as freely as they would, making of them a pillow for my heart. On them it rested, for my weeping sounded in your ears alone.



MOTHER OF REV. ALAN GLASS

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ida Glass, the beloved mother of our dedicated pastor, Father Glass. We kindly asked that you keep her in your prayers. May we come together as a community to offer our support and condolences to Father Glass and his family during this time of mourning.

May she rest in peace.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will resume this *Sunday, January 14, 21, & 28* during the **10:30 am Mass** in the church hall. All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to attend and participate. *Communicant will have their First Confession Scheduled on Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 pm in the church. Parents should continue teaching their children the basic prayers in preparation for the First Confession.*



CONFIRMATION 2023-2024

Confirmadi students will have an their Sacrament of Confession this Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 pm. All candidates are to participate for the Sacrament of Confession in the church. Next class will be on Saturday, February 03, Attendance is mandatory for all meetings and the Sunday Eucharist. *See the notes and schedule given to you. Thank you.*



Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?

Get more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Read more by visiting our website: www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org and downloading an application form. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes to your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household! Without full and complete information the system is unable to issue a valid tax receipt.



Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2023.

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

✠ Princess Dana Zausa & Precious Jana Zausa

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

Offering

During all Masses next weekend [January 20/21] we have a second collection – **THE FUEL OFFERING.** This is a once yearly collection [in the heart of winter] to off-set our heating bills. Thank for your kind support!

FEAST OF THE INFANT JESUS – Wed. Jan. 17, 2024

A Holy Hour of prayer, starts at 5:00 pm. The Rosary and benediction concludes the prayer hour. Mass starts at 7:00pm
All are welcome to attend. Small reception in the church hall following the service.



Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "*Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.



Friars Student Writing Contest 2024

(November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024)

Theme: "*You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.*" (Luke 10:27). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT> and submit their entries at, <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

Annual GTA Prayer Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral -455 Ferrier St.(Steeles Ave. East & Warden Ave. Markham, Ontario L3R 5Z2

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