

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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cwl.olof@gmail.com

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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 21

9:00 a.m. +Saluzin & Irene De Sequeira

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

12:15 p.m. +Kaile Nako

Monday, January 22

No Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Marian Sayer (I)

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 p.m. +Miguel Rodrigues

Thursday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Neil & Joyce Amagna (I)

Friday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Fe A. Pingol (I) Thanksgiving

Saturday, January 27

9:00 a.m. +Maria Guercio

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Advent - January 21, 2024

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Spreading Jesus Fame

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

The Man with an Unclean Spirit

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Do not trust in these deceptive words: The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord.' — Jeremiah 7:1-4

The prophet Jeremiah is warning the people in Jerusalem of the danger of conquest by the Babylonians. The people mock his warnings, supposing that the Temple, signifying the presence of God in their midst, will protect them from disaster. God speaks through Jeremiah to set them straight:

Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Ba'al, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!' — only to go on doing all these abominations? Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

As Catholics, when disaster looms we take comfort in the words of Jesus: "I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." We arrogantly assume that no matter how much of a mess we make of things, Jesus will preserve his Church in spite of us. We should note that the presence of the Temple did not save the Israelites from exile, although God remained faithful and later restored them to their land. Jesus will indeed preserve his Church, but that does not absolve us from our responsibility in the meantime to be faithful to the Gospel.

It has therefore been gratifying to see the vigorous push-back against the recent Vatican 'declaration on the blessing of same-sex couples.' Cardinal Sarah praised the African Bishops' Conference for issuing a statement rejecting the possibility of such 'blessings,' and he encouraged other Bishops' Conferences and individual bishops to do the same. He said, "In doing so, we are not opposing Pope Francis, but we are firmly and radically opposing a heresy that seriously undermines the Church, the Body of Christ, because it is contrary to the Catholic faith and Tradition."

As a further development, it has now been revealed that the head of the *Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith* and author of the 'declaration', Cardinal Tucho Fernandez, had some years ago published a book titled *Mystical Passion*. This book cannot be described without warnings of 'explicit sexual content': it is both pornographic and blasphemous. As a further scandal, the Cardinal has not yet been removed from office, and he has claimed that his authorship of this obscenity was known at the time of his appointment! As I wrote previously: "For the faithful Catholic, this is exasperating!" Still, 'the gates of hell', etc.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, January 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.



CONFIRMATION 2023-2024



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. If candidates missed to participate for the Sacrament of Confession you are to come during the confession on Wednesday at 5:00 pm or Saturday at 3:45pm.*

First Friday, February 02, 2024

- Adoration **5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.**
- The *Divine Mercy* chaplet is prayed at **6:30 pm** followed by Benediction and the Litany of the Sacred Heart.
- Holy Mass at 7:00 pm concludes the day devotion. *Jesus I trust in you.*



Also Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Candlemas -The traditional blessing of candles will take place on *Friday, February 02, 2024* during the 7:00 pm Mass. Parishioners may bring your own candle and place them on the table in front of sanctuary.



TAX RECEIPTS 2023

Tax receipts records will be submitted for printing next week. Mailing is expected to occurred on January 29, with a target date of February 10th for all the parishioners to receive their tax receipts in hand. If you have any questions, feel free to email taxreceipt@archtoronto.org. Thank you for your support throughout the year! May God reward you for your generosity.



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February 2, 2024



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on *Friday, February 2, 2024* and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

Prayer for Vocations:

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labour. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to Your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen. - Pope John Paul II

During all Masses next weekend [February 04/05] we have a second collection – **THE OFFERING**. This is a once yearly collection [in the heart of winter] to off-set our heating bills. Thank you for your support.



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

– Marriage Sunday 2024



will celebrate in the weekend of February 11/12. **MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO** Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:00

p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street, Toronto. ALL ARE WELCOME! Special recognition and reserved seating available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2024. For more information and registration visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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