

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

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### *Legion of Mary - Praesidium - every Sat. @ 10:00 a.m.*

Auxiliary Circle - every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, February 11**

9:00 a.m. Rev. Patrick J. Fitzpatrick

10:30 a.m. +James Boyd

12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, February 12**

No Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, February 13**

8:00 a.m. Rev. Russell Sampson

**Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)**

8:00 a.m. +Ida Glass

9:30 a.m. St. Joachim School

12:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima School

7:00 p.m. Florinda Martin (I) Thanksgiving

**Thursday, February 15**

8:00 a.m. Desmond Wickramasinghe (I)

**Friday, February 16**

8:00 am +Beng Medalla

**Saturday, February 17**

9:00 a.m. Doner & Josie Aceret (I) Thanksgiving

4:30 p.m. Leonides D. San Pedro Sr. (I)

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 11, 2024**

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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.**

**Just to remind to all that we have a Collection on Ash Wednesday Febr. 14, 2024. Kindly use envelope from your donation box. Thank you for your generosity.**

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

*Catholicism is not possible without a Catholic culture*

The continued existence of Catholicism depends on our awareness that the belief of Catholics is intelligible and intellectually coherent. But we also need to be aware that this belief has become an object of hatred in a culture that lives in ways that are contrary to the order of right living. Catholicism is of its very nature a critique of the culture. — Fr. James Schall (1994)

This coming Ash Wednesday, as we receive ashes on our foreheads with the words "Repent and believe the Gospel", our neighbors will be celebrating Valentine's Day, oblivious to the fact that *Saint* Valentine is a Christian martyr who laid down his life for the Catholic faith.

We are once again reminded that we are living in a post-Christian society which still carries echoes of Christian observance, but devoid of any religious significance. The Catholic historian, Christopher Dawson, observed:

Culture is the *form* of society. A society without culture is a formless society — a collection of individuals brought together by the needs of the moment — while the stronger the culture is, the more completely does it inform and transform the diverse human material of which it is composed. It is clear that a common way of life involves a common view of life, common standards of behavior and common standards of value, and consequently a culture is a community which owes its unity to common beliefs and common ways of thought.

We are usually unaware of how much we have absorbed the secular values of the culture in which we are immersed. It is tragic to see self-proclaimed 'Catholic' political leaders fully embracing what Pope John Paul II called the 'culture of death.' Anti-Christian attitudes have even infiltrated into the Church, with the flagrant promotion of sinful behavior contrary to the virtue of chastity. Indeed 'chastity' is now considered a quaintly old-fashioned notion.

This coming Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to assert our Catholic identity by consciously entering into the spirit of Lent with its call to self-reflection and repentance.

We recently celebrated the *Feast of the Presentation* on February 2nd with the blessing of candles. Most people, however, even Catholics, were observing 'Groundhog Day.' In the 1993 film of that name the self-centered character played by Bill Murray lives the same day over and over again, until finally he is redeemed by acts of selflessness. The film is an illustration of a rabbinic saying: "What is the use of tomorrow if you are not going to be better tomorrow than you are today?"

As we embark on this journey of Lent our aim is to make each tomorrow count. This grace-filled season presents immense opportunities for us to draw closer to Christ as we accompany him on the Way of the Cross.



**Every Friday during Lent ...**

8:00 am Morning Mass  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Every Saturday in Lent ...**

9:00 am Morning Mass  
3:30 pm Reconciliation/Confessions  
4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



**We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.**

**Schedule on Ash Wednesday,  
February 14, 2024**

**Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

8:00 am Holy Mass with the blessings  
distribution of Ashes  
9:30 am St. Joachim School  
Liturgy and distribution of Ashes  
12:30 pm Our Lady of Fatima School  
Liturgy and distribution of Ashes  
6:00 pm-6:45 pm Holy Hour & Confessions  
7:00 pm Holy Mass with the  
blessings & distribution of Ashes

**May your Ash Wednesday be a time of  
reflection and promise.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, February 11 & 25, 2024* 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, March 23, 2024 in the church hall at 1:00 pm.* These are the up-coming classes:, **April 6 & April 11, 2024.** Attendance is mandatory for all meetings and the Sunday Eucharist. *See the notes and schedule given to you. Thank you*



**Next Week Readings**

First Sunday of Lent  
Fighting Temptations

**1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15**

**2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22**

**Gospel: Mark 1.12-15**

The Temptation of Jesus

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

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**A FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2024**

**Celebrating Christian Unity,  
The Beauty of Holiness**



Join Christians from various traditions to celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2024 in the Greater Toronto Area as we mark the 60th anniversary of the Vatican 'Decree on Ecumenism,' giving thanks for 'The Beauty of Holiness' (1 Peter 1:15-16). **Monday, February 26, 2024, 6 p.m. Student and Young Adult Ecumenical Prayer Service (University of Toronto) Organized by Christian Chaplaincies on Campus Trinity College Chapel 6 Hoskin Ave., Toronto ON M5S 3K7**

**Monday – February 19, 2024 is  
FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

**There is NO Mass on this day ; office and  
church are closed.**

There is **no Confirmation** session [Sat. Feb 17], **no CHILDREN'S LITURGY** or **FIRST COMMUNION** class [Sun. Feb. 18] because of the **long holiday weekend**. Have fun and enjoy your day with your family.

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