

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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

### *Discalced Carmelite Secular Order - O.C.D.S.*

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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, February 18

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. +Gabriel Micah Sequeira
12:15 p.m. Salvation Tuldac

Monday, February 19

No Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 20

- 8:00 a.m. +Ida Glass

Wednesday, February 21

- 7:00 p.m. Rev. Aegidius Warsito (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 22

- 8:00 a.m. +Ida Glass

Friday, February 23

- 8:00 am +Rosendo, Nazaria & John Cantaoe
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. +Gil Foster
4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2024



Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Conquering all through the Love of Christ

1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13,15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37++

Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

The Transfiguration

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?

Priestly celibacy should not be considered just as a legal norm, but rather as a value that is profoundly connected with ordination, whereby a man takes on the likeness of Jesus Christ, the good shepherd and spouse of the Church. — Pope John Paul II

At the time of the Amazon Synod in 2019, there was a proposal to alleviate the lack of priests in mission territories by ordaining married men to the priesthood. In response, Cardinal Robert Sarah and Pope Benedict XVI jointly published a book titled From the Depths of Our Hearts.

In the face of the confusion regarding the essence of the priesthood, they felt the need to strengthen priests and to encourage them in their vocation. They reflected on the incident when Jesus was asleep in the stern of the boat during the storm:

We want to say to Jesus again the great 'Yes' that we said to him on the day of our ordination. Our priestly celibacy causes us to live out this total 'yes' each day. For our celibacy is the proclamation of faith. It is a testimony, because it causes us to enter into a life that makes sense only in terms of God. Our celibacy is a witness. In the storm, we priests must reaffirm that we are ready to lose our lives for Christ. Day after day, we give this witness that to the celibacy through which we offer our lives.

Jesus is asleep in the boat. But if hesitation gains the upper hand, if we are afraid of putting our trust in him, if celibacy makes us turn back, then we fear that we will hear his reproach: "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?"

Pope Benedict extols marriage as "a gift granted by God ever since the earthly paradise," but requiring a total gift of oneself to one's spouse. The priest's vocation is likewise a gift of one's life to God. "It does not seem possible to carry on these two vocations simultaneously."

In their conclusion to the book, Pope Benedict and Cardinal Sarah state:

We are living through these difficult, troubled times in distress and suffering. It was our sacred duty to recall the truth about the Catholic priesthood. For through it, the whole beauty of the Church is being called into question. The Church is not a human organization. She is a mystery. She is the Mystical Bride of Christ. Our priestly celibacy continually reminds the world of precisely this.

It is urgent and necessary for everyone — bishops, priests, and lay people — to stop letting themselves be intimidated by the wrong-headed pleas, the theatrical productions, the diabolical lies, and the fashionable errors that try to devalue priestly celibacy.



**This Monday – February 19, 2024 is  
FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**  
There is **NO Mass** on this day ; office and  
church are closed.  
**Enjoy and spend time with your family.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy & First Holy Communion* classes will have **NO MEETING THIS SUNDAY** as this is a long weekend. Classes will continue on *Sunday, February 25* 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, & April 6*. All confirmandi are encourage to participate in all Lenten services. Attendance is mandatory for all meetings and the Sunday Eucharist. See the notes and schedule given to you. Thank you

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.

Baptism Preparation For February 2024

A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for next Saturday's baptism, will take place on *Friday, February 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm* in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on *Saturday, March 02, 2024 at 10:30 am*.



Festival of Prayer 2024

**Celebrating Christian Unity:  
The Beauty of Holiness**  
*Sunday, March 03, 2024, 3:00 p.m.*  
World Day of Prayer Organized by Catholic Women's League St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Church 2490 Sandalwood Parkway E., Brampton, ON L6R 3A4. Marking the 60th anniversary of the Vatican



'Decree on Ecumenism.

Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife



In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!



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