

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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3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

PARISH GROUPS:

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, February 25

9:00 a.m. Past & Present Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul of OLF
 10:30 a.m. Past & Present Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul of OLF
 12:15 p.m. Past & Present Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul of OLF

Monday, February 26

No Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Briones Inopel

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. Kizzy Adams (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 29

8:00 a.m. +Paul O'Connor

Friday, March 01

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm +Alfred David

Saturday, March 02

9:00 a.m. +Timothy & Puspha Family (I)

4:30 p.m. Florinda Martin (I)

Second Sunday of Lent – Feb. 25, 2024

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and 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 Lent

Confession is a Place of Victory

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++

Gospel: John 2.13-25

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Hold to the things that eternally endure.

I am away from the parish this weekend to take care of personal matters in Ottawa. In September my mother went into the nursing home and her house was put up for sale. After many anxious months the house is now sold and I am in Ottawa getting the house ready for the new owners. The closing date in March 19th, the Solemnity of St Joseph!

My previous parish was St Paul the Apostle Church in Alliston. When I was appointed Pastor there in 2011 I was surprised and delighted. Six years earlier I had done my Seminary internship year there, assisting the Pastor and being involved in all the various parish ministries. I was ordained as a Deacon in that Church in 2007. Returning there as Pastor was like going home. I already had many close friends among the parishioners, and the children whom I had helped prepared for First Communion were now preparing for Confirmation. I could not have asked for a better parish assignment.

In 2021 my mother was living alone in her long-time home with my sister dropping in frequently, but she was having some health issues. I asked my sister if I should think about coming to Ottawa to stay with Mom, but she said, “No, we can manage.” Then in November of that year she said, “How soon can you get here?”

That is how I came to leave Alliston after it being my home for ten years. I lived with my Mom for six months before coming to Our Lady of Fatima. That gave my family time to make arrangements for care-givers. Although it was hard to leave my home in Alliston, I now see those months with my Mom as a great blessing.

When I left Alliston, all my belongings (mostly books) were moved to my Mom’s house in Ottawa. When I came to Our Lady of Fatima I only brought the bare necessities. Now, after being here a year and a half, I will finally be moving in. I will also be bringing some of my Mom’s furniture to furnish the empty rooms in the rectory.

This is going to be a strange Lent for me, moving out of my mother’s house. In the Preface of the Mass for Lent we pray: “For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.” Now, as I am packing up the things of this passing world my mind does turn to those of eternity.

C. S. Lewis observed, “The pain now is part of the happiness then. That’s the deal.” When I was visiting my Mom in the nursing home we would reminisce about the good times. I am reminded of them now as I sort through the old photos. These last two years, as my Mom’s health declined, despite the suffering and hardship, were also good times — grace-filled times.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, February 25 & March 3, 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.



At all Masses next weekend ... March 03, 2024

... there will be a **second collection** at all of the weekend's Masses for the future **RENOVATION FUND**. *We are very grateful for your generosity!*

CONFIRMATION 2023-2024



These are the dates for up-coming classes: **March 23, & April 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the church hall. All candidates are asked to participate in all Lent service.** 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.

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

†Danielle Lynne Pinera

Michael Da Silva, & Penelope Lynne Lapid

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



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March 2024: For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Come & See 2024

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Parish Vitality and Stewardship:

1. **The Spirituality of Stewardship.** Housing resources for parishes, groups and individuals, click on the box above to deepen your understanding of the spirituality of stewardship. Included in this section is Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship (including its companion resources), stewardship bulletin reflections for parishes, a stewardship prayer card, and more!
2. **Stewardship Sunday.** Celebrated annually across the entire Archdiocese of Toronto on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Stewardship Sunday normally occurs on the third Sunday in September. During this time, His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo supplies a homily to be shared at all Masses that weekend.
3. **Parish Vitality.** This section features practical resources to help a parish community deepen parishioner engagement. Resources include a Parish Vitality Webinar Series and the Parishioner Time and Talent Campaign Kit. The webinar series features engaging speakers and practical topics while the campaign kit can help a parish design a "people-raising" campaign to increase engagement. Kit resources include a Time and Talent Campaign Card, guides for Parish Ministry Fairs, Lay Witness Speakers, Stewardship Committees, Commitment Sundays, customizable forms and posters, brochures, and more!
4. **Parish Vitality Additional Resources.** This section has a multitude of interesting resources, including downloadable promotional videos for parishes. Each promotional video lasts only a few minutes with some being humorous while others emotionally moving. Parishes can use these short videos in their e-communications to help invite people to get more deeply involved in parish life.. If you have any questions, please contact: **Quentin Schesnuik** quentins@archtoronto.org
416-934-3400, ext. 568 Associate Director - Parish Vitality & Stewardship in the Office of Formation for Discipleship

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