

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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, March 03

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. +Michel Ily
- 12:15 p.m. Molly Lule (I) Thanksgiving

Monday, March 04

No Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 05

- 8:00 a.m. +Mario Abueg

Wednesday, March 06

- 7:00 p.m. Rev. Fr. Juliwan Masimo (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 07

- 8:00 a.m. Marlene Balallo (I) Thanksgiving

Friday, March 08

- 8:00 a.m. +Emiliana Javier Borja
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 09

- 9:00 a.m. +Ramon Villamater
- 4:30 p.m. +Ida Glass

Third Sunday of Lent - March 03, 2024



Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder.

Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Carrying our Crosses

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Faith and doubt.

Faith is certain. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. To be sure, revealed truths can seem obscure to human reason and experience, but the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives. — Catechism of the Catholic Church

In a recent interview Bishop Robert Barron noted that the American Bishops had voted in favor of recognizing Cardinal Newman (canonized in 2019) as a ‘Doctor of the Church.’ This is indeed good news. I have often spoken of my huge debt to Newman for my own theological and spiritual formation.

I first encountered Newman many years ago in the Oakville Public Library, when I was still working as a Civil Engineer. Amidst a short shelf of books on the topic of Christianity was a ‘Treasury of Catholic Wisdom’ which included two essays by Newman, one of which was titled ‘Faith and Doubt.’ Having been subject to more than one homily assuring me that faith and doubt always walk hand in hand, it was refreshing to hear Newman say that ‘faith and doubt are simply incommensurate’; that is, faith positively excludes doubt, and doubt is the absence of faith.

Somehow, we have accepted the commonly held notion that ‘no one has a monopoly on the truth,’ or that ‘all “truth” is provisional.’ Even in Newman’s day, to declare that ‘faith is *certain*’ was considered an outrageous claim.

Newman writes:

The world, knowing nothing of the blessings of the Catholic faith, feels irritation at hearing that doubts are incompatible with a Catholic’s profession of faith. The world disbelieves our doctrines and cannot understand our own believing them. It considers them so strange that it is quite sure that we are haunted day and night with doubts, and tormented with the fear of yielding to them. That there can be peace, and joy, and knowledge, and freedom, and spiritual strength in the Church, is a thought far beyond the world’s imagination.

If these are your thoughts, you are simply in error. Trust me, rather than the world, when I tell you, that it is no difficult thing for a Catholic to believe; and that unless he grievously mismanages himself, the difficult thing is for him to doubt. He has received a gift which makes faith easy. He does violence to his mind, not in exercising, but in withholding his faith.

Faith is not a sentiment; faith is a conviction. It is a conviction more certain than any other conviction. It is Truth, but it is more than Truth: it is the Light by means of which we are able to see the Truth.





CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, March 3, 2024* during the **10:30 am** Mass in the church hall. Next *Sunday March 10th & 17th no classes due to March break. Wishing you and your family a restful vacation.* All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to attend and participate.



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.

ShareLife Sunday is March 17.



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Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

MASS OF CHRISM



Our Archbishop – His Emm. Francis Leo – will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with all the priests of the archdiocese on *Tuesday, March 26 at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11.00 am.*

The Holy Oils – blessed during this Mass – will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from Easter.

Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.



Archdiocese of Toronto -Lenten Day of Confessions March 10-23, 2024

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

at 5:30 pm to 6:50 pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024

at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm

Saturday, March 23, 2024

at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm

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