

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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[cwl.olof@gmail.com](mailto:cwl.olof@gmail.com)

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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."!*



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes
10:30 a.m. Povolo Family (I) Thanksgiving
12:15 p.m. +Josephine Linds

Monday, March 18

No Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 19

- 8:00 a.m. +Rev. Monsignor John Staskevicius
7:00 p.m. +Isaac Maybury Hughes

Wednesday, March 20

- 7:00 p.m. Teresita Molina

Thursday, March 21

- 8:00 a.m. +Luigi DiNardo

Friday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. Ethan Paul Bucsit (I) Healing
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23

- 9:00 a.m. Kirk Rodrigues (I) Thanksgiving
4:30 p.m. Desmond Wickramasinghe (I)

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, 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 ofatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

1st Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-7

2nd Reading: Phillipians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

The Passion of our Lord

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

In this world you will have trouble.

But understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come. For men will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding form of religion, but denying the power of it. — 2 Tim 3:1-5

Are we living in the 'end times'? Given current state of the world and the Church, that is a serious question. The answer is "Yes, of course we are: we have been living in the end times for the last two thousand years." The medieval monks began labelling years 'B.C.' and 'A.D.' because they recognized the coming of the Messiah as the key turning point in history: the era of the Old Covenant was completed and the era of the New Covenant was begun. However, this was not the beginning of an era of peace. In 66 A.D. the Jewish people revolted against Rome, resulting in the total destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. Christians, meanwhile, were being martyred throughout the Roman Empire. It was in these circumstances that St. John received the visions of the epic battle between good and evil that he recorded in the Book of Revelation. The coming of the Messiah did not mark the end of history but only the beginning of the end times.

St. Augustine wrote his great work, The City of God, in response to the sacking of Rome by the Goths in 416 A.D.; for many Romans this meant the defeat of civilization by the barbarians. Two decades later Augustine died during the siege of his city of Hippo in North Africa. In the 7th century the armies of Islam conquered all of North Africa and Spain, and crossed the Pyrenees into France. For the people living, and suffering, through those times, it certainly seemed to be the 'end times.' As Cardinal Newman noted:

The whole course of Christianity from first to last is but one series of troubles and disorders. Every century is like every other; and to those who live in it seems worse than all times before it. Religion seems ever expiring, schisms dominant, the light of Truth dim, its adherents scattered. The cause of Christ is ever in its last agony, as though it were but a question of time whether it fails finally this day or another. Let us not be anxious at the troubles which now encompass us. They have ever been; they shall ever be; they are our portion.

Ours is a perplexing time. We are living in a golden age of material prosperity, unprecedented in all of history, but we have become "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." We profit from technological progress even as evils increase. Our current century has entered what Churchill called 'the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister by the lights of perverted science.' In these times, we hear the voice of Christ: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will resume on *Sunday, April 07, 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. *Parents are invited to attend Lenten Services during Holy Week.*



**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*

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

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

**Special Good Friday Collection:  
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land!**



The annual collection on Good Friday is done worldwide in the Catholic Church and offered in support of the Holy Land. There are many Christian communities who are suffering persecution in the Holy Land. Please,

use the envelopes that are in your box of donation envelopes or use the ones on the tables at all church entrances.

*Please give generously to support the Church of the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need.*

**Blessing of Easter Food  
Holy Saturday, March 30 @ 12:00 noon**



It is a Polish tradition to have a sample of the Easter Sunday meal blessed in the Church. Fr. Glass will do a short service of blessing on Holy Saturday. All are welcome to take part. Just bring a small basket of

Easter food to be blessed.

**ShareLife This Sunday March 17– (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)**



ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is [\$38,300.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Holy Triduum Schedule 2024**

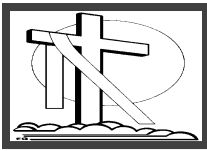
March 28 <i>Holy Thursday</i>		<b>No morning Mass</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
March 29 <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b>	
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion [1]</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion [2]</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
March 30 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Blessing of Easter Food</b>
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March 31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Masses</b>
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	The Lord is Risen – Allelujah! Allelujah!

**The Office is closed from Holy Thursday (half day only), Good Friday (March 29) to Easter Monday (April 01) both days inclusive.**



**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 24**



# Holy Week Schedule for 2024



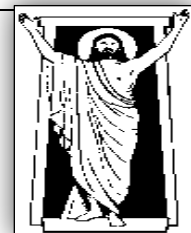
March 23 Saturday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	4:30 pm	Palm Sunday Mass
March 24 Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Sunday Mass
	10:30 am	Sunday Mass
	12:15 pm	Sunday Mass
March 25 Monday of <i>Holy Week</i>	8:00 am	No Morning Mass & Stations of the Cross
March 26 Tuesday of <i>Holy Week</i>	8 :00 am	Morning Mass
	11:00 am	<i>Mass of Chrism at St Michael's Cathedral</i> <a href="http://www.stmichaescathedral.com/livestream">www.stmichaescathedral.com/livestream</a>
March 27 Wed. of <i>Holy Week</i>		No Morning Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour-Adoration followed by 7:00 pm Holy Mass
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### Confessions/Reconciliation

Confessions will be available on Sat. March 23 at 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm and Wed., March 27 at 5:30 pm-6:45 pm.



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*Have a blessed & holy Easter!*



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