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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Palm Sunday, April 21

- 9:00 a.m. +Emelie Akindole
- 10:30 a.m. Agetana & Paras Family (I) Thanksgiving
- 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish
- 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass**

Monday, April 22

No Mass

Tuesday, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. +Perlita C. Rivera

Wednesday, April 24

- 7:00 p.m. +Elizabeth Barrie

Thursday, April 25

- 8:00 a.m. +Perfecto & Encarnacion Caubang

Friday, April 26

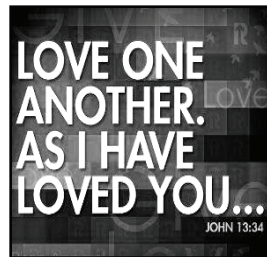
- 8:00 a.m. +Maurita San Juan

Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 am. +Adolfo Faldas
- 4:30 p.m. Ethan Paul Bucsit (I) Healing

4th Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, 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

Abiding in Christ

1st Reading: Acts 9.26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Jesus the True Vine

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Maintenance and Renovation Woes

Throughout the year we have several second collections for the Parish Renovation Fund. These offerings are placed in our 'contingency fund' with the Archdiocese to be used for major maintenance projects.

When I arrived at our Lady of Fatima in July 2022, the rectory was undergoing repairs from a burst water pipe on the second floor. The drywall and carpet in the living room and dining room had to be replaced. Thankfully, our insurance covered the cost.

Another issue was the elevator. It was out of service and beyond repair. One my first acts as Pastor was to sign the contract to install a new elevator. When this Church was built nobody was thinking about accessibility, but now it is an absolute necessity.

On my first tour of the Church I was impressed by the amount of usable space. The rectory, for example has four suites (consisting of sitting room, bedroom and bathroom) plus one bedroom with bathroom. Fr. Bernard was using the 'housekeeper's suite' on the ground floor. The upstairs was not being used at all. I moved into one of the upstairs suites.

The large master suite has since been painted and carpeted, and is now furnished with my Mom's bedroom set. The small room also has a bed and bureau from my Mom's house. The last suite still has some of Fr. Robson's things in it. Once those are removed, with new paint and carpet, it will make another room for guests or, perhaps, a retired priest in residence.

The hall itself is a great space, but the kitchen and washrooms need to be brought up to a minimum modern standard. The first step was to get the washrooms fully functional. In the men's room both toilets and one urinal were out of order, and one toilet in the women's room.

This week we brought in a plumber to replace all the flushers in the gents' and one in the ladies'. However, the new flushers could not be fitted to the old toilets, which meant installing three new toilets. One urinal was beyond repair and has been sealed off.

The good news is that both washrooms are now working. The bad news is that the water pipes inside the walls are galvanized steel and badly corroded. We do not know the extent of the problem. We are therefore looking at a major project to identify and replace all of the galvanized water pipes in the Church and rectory.

Once the fundamental plumbing issues are resolved, we will have to renovate the two washrooms. It may not be possible to make the washrooms larger, but they will be clean and modern. The kitchen is another story.

It is important that we maintain our Church as a worthy place of worship. Thank you for your continued donations to our Parish Renovation Fund.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will continue this *Sunday, April 21, 28* during the **10:30 am Mass** in the church hall. *Rehearsal is schedule on Saturday, May 04 at 10:00 am in the church hall. First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2:30 pm.*



**Share Life 2024- 2nd Collection – April 28
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife. Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. **This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



CONFIRMATION 2023-2024

This Sunday is **Confirmation Day at 2:30 pm.** Congratulations to the Confirmandi and their families. *"For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light"* Ephesians 5-8.

INFANT JESUS NOVENA-2024

Novena 1- Wed. **Apr 24** at 6:00 pm
Novena 2- Wed. **May 24** at 6:00 pm
Novena 3- Wed. **June 28** at 6:00 pm
The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025.



Baptism Preparation for April 2024

A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for baptism, will take place *on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm* in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on *Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10:30 am.*



Our Lady of Fatima Parish



**St. Vincent de Paul Society
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are having Church Bazaar on

**Saturday, May 25th 10:00 am -6:00 pm
& Sunday, May 26th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



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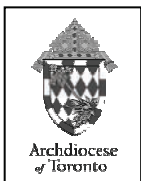
Donation Drop Off: Saturday's May 4 & 11, 2024 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Hope to see you all there!

2024 Neophyte Mass

Archbishop Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly-initiated into the Church. *The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond*

St., Toronto. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.



Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercessions of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for the Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reign with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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