

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

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

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

Lucia Dos Santos Community - every 3rd Tues. @ 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus - Second Thursday @ 7:15 p.m.

Frank Grech (GK) 416-424-2111

Legion of Mary - Praesidium - every Sat. @ 10:00 a.m.

Legion of Mary - Auxiliary Circle - every 2nd Sun. @ 1:30 p.m.

The Lord's Flock Prayer Group

Every other Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Jun & Cynthia 416-916-1577

Missionaries Family of Christ - every 4th 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 Catholic 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 & Friday 8:00 a.m.
(except First Friday)
Wednesday (Devotion & Rosary, 6:00 p.m.) 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m.
First Friday (1 Mass) 7:00 p.m.
(Holy Hour & Devotion 6:00 p.m.)

RECONCILIATION:

All First Friday 5:30 p.m.
All Wednesday 5:30 - 6:50 p.m.
All Saturday 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.
Or call the office

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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 on line 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, November 03

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Povalo & Pezzelato Fam. Dec. Members
- 12:15 p.m. Caporusso & Trentadue Fam. Dec. Members

Monday, November 04

No Mass

Tuesday, November 05

- 8:00 a.m. +Benjamin Balallo

Wednesday, November 06

- 7:00 p.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes

Thursday, November 07

- 8:00 a.m. +Joseph Mukkath

Friday, November 08

- 8:00 am All Souls listed in Remembrance Book

Saturday, November 09

- 9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary Deceased Members
- 4:30 p.m. +Rizalina Alcantara

Thirty-First Sun in OT- November 03, 2024

"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for information.



Next Week Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Offering our All

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44

The Widow's Offering

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Lost Christianity?

The Christian life must be distinguished above all in the art of prayer. It would be wrong to think that ordinary Christians can be content with a shallow prayer that is unable to fill their whole lives. Especially in the face of the many challenges to faith in today's world, they would be not only mediocre Christians but Christians at risk. — Pope John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*.

I lately came across a book entitled *Lost Christianity*. The blurb on the dust jacket poses the question: "Has the essence of Christianity become obscured through its progress across the centuries and through diverse cultures?" The author "reconsiders ancient Christian writings and demonstrates that a contemplative tradition existed in the early Church, a tradition which continues today in the lives of certain extraordinary individuals."

As Mother Angelica would say: Baloney!

In fact, if you want to encounter the true 'essence of Christianity' you should read *Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality*. "Contemplative prayer," she says, "is to be absorbed in God. Just to stand in the Lord in loving presence is the highest form of prayer. When we get to a high form of prayer, God does it all, and we are content to be humble in his presence." Mother Angelica, of course, is speaking from her own experience.

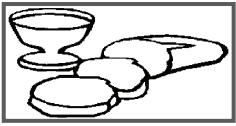
The 'contemplative tradition' has existed continuously in the Church for the last two thousand years! Far from being 'obscured', it has been wonderfully developed. Every spiritual writer of every era insists that contemplative prayer is meant for all Christians. It is the normal development of the life of grace. This is what the Second Vatican Council refers to when it speaks of 'the universal call to holiness.' It is what Pope John Paul II means when he says, "The time has come to re-propose wholeheartedly to everyone this high standard of ordinary Christian living."

An excellent modern book on the spiritual life that I heartily recommend is *The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints* by Ralph Martin. The author draws on the teachings of Saints Augustine, Bernard of Clairvaux, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux. Another superb book is *Fire Within: St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and the Gospel on Prayer* by Fr. Thomas Dubay.

We are privileged to have a community of the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order in our parish. There is no better teacher on the way of prayer than their founder, St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa encourages all of us: "Whoever has not begun the practice of prayer, I beg for the love of the Lord not to go without so great a good. There is nothing to fear but only something to desire."



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &



CHILDREN'S LITURGY classes continue next Sunday, November 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 am in the church hall. Parents and

candidate are ask to attend weekly Mass. Parents are encourage to teach your children the basic prayers.

Registration for CONFIRMATION is on-going or if you need an application they are available during office hours only. Classes start on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Thank you.



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2024 – Apr. 2025



This year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on Sundays in the church hall from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. For more info call the office.

The Program continues this Sunday's, November 10, 17 & 24, 2024

TREE OF LOVE



Several years ago we installed a 'Tree of Love' next to the outdoor statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Families could add a leaf in memory of the living and deceased loved one

for a suggested donation of \$250. After many requests, we are now offering to add more leaves to the tree. Funds raised will be used to help with the cost of the roof repairs which are now urgently needed. Mass for those remembered on the Tree of Love will be offered each week during the month of November along with the All Souls' intentions. All donations toward this fund will be tax deductible.

Come & See 2024

The office of Vocations is hosting Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men Ages 18+ and older On Friday Nov. 15 at 6:30 pm to Nov.17 at 2:00pm At St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Road, Toronto, ON, M1M 1M3. The retreat offers participants an opportunity to discern a possible call to the diocesan priesthood. Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee or email vocations@archtoronto.org.



Daylight Saving Time ends today, November 3, 2024



Did you get new batteries for your clocks? Did you remember to put your clocks back by one hour last night? Don't be early/late for your appointments!

Bible Study 2024

Join us for a Bible Study at our church! Every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the church hall basement (RCIA Room). We'll gather for a time of fellowship, reflection and meaningful discussion on The First and Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Come as you are, whether you're new to Bible Study or looking to deepen your faith. Bring your own Bible. All are welcome.



All Souls Day 2024



† Other Masses offered for loved ones listed in the Book of Remembrance will be celebrated on:

- Friday, November 08 at 8:00 am
- Sunday, November 10 at 12:15 pm
- Tuesday, November 19 at 8:00 am
- Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am

† Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ: October 2024

- † Cooper Alan P. Callahan & Izaia James Edwards
- November 2024
- † Lucian Angelo P. DiNardo, Naell T. Yemane & Naomi T. Yemane

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

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

The Shepherds' Trust cares for those who always cared for us ... our retired priests. They were with us to joyfully celebrate our marriage, baptize our children and also support us during times of sadness and grief. The SHEPHERDS' TRUST also recognizes



the faithfulness and years of service to us by members of religious orders working in the Archdiocese. The strong ties we have to them are extended by ensuring that funds collected in parishes served by religious order priests, be given to those orders as a contribution towards the retirement of our priests. The SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION will takes place in the weekend of November 16/17. PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR SUPPORT!

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