

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

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 24

- 9:00 a.m. +John H. Callahan
- 10:30 a.m. Florinda Martin (I) Thanksgiving
- 12:15 p.m. +Somapala & Roslin Prathiraja

Monday, November 25

No Mass

Tuesday, November 26

- 8:00 a.m. +Faustino Abdon

Wednesday, November 27

- 7:00 p.m. Francis Rodriques (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

- 8:00 a.m. +Fe Alconaba

Friday, November 29

- 8:00 am +Sofia Corrales

Saturday, November 30

- 9:00 a.m. All Souls Listed on Remembrance Book
- 4:30 p.m. +Edmundo & Teofila Majam

Thirty-Fourth Sun – Christ the King Nov. 24, 2024



Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as

priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then 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

1st Sunday of Advent

A New Season of Stewardship

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The light that has come into the world

It is not the will of the Father that darkness be entirely dissipated, that there be no night. But the Father has given us a Light that shines in the darkness and illumines every man that walks upon the earth — Abbot Anscar Vonier

We are now only a month away from the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. We will have 6 ½ fewer hours of daylight than we had at the beginning of summer. The good news is that the birth of Christ will mark the beginning of the lengthening of the days. The light of Christ will have entered the world.

In his book *Christianus: The Christian Life* Abbot Anscar Vonier (1874-1938) offers an insightful essay on Christ as the light of the world. He writes:

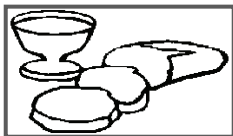
Physical light is the oldest symbol of Christ amongst Christians; not the blazing glare of a beacon, but the steady gleam of the oil lamp and the wax taper. It is a light shining in darkness, the luminous flicker of a lamp at the end of a long obscure gallery in the catacombs, or the tiny flame of a candle on an altar at the end of a dim aisle in a great cathedral. The gloom of the encircling darkness is pierced by it as by a sword, though the shadows still remain. Such is Christ's presence among men. With great gladness of heart we ought to greet the burning candle on the altar where the Holy Sacrifice is being offered. Each little flame should be for us an act of faith. Small as the flicker of the blessed candle may be, it still represents an infinitude — the infinite distance between light and darkness, the infinite power that said: "Let there be light."

St. John in his Gospel tells us that the light of Christ had come into the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. Now as we prepare for the long nights of winter, we look to the light of Christ to illuminate our way.

The light of Christ is not only a guide to our steps, it is also a revealer of secrets. Through its power we see things as they are. The light of Christ is therefore a thing of stern reality as well as of comfort. For this is the characteristic of true Christian illumination, that the mind of man has the courage to look at the great truths and facts of divine justice and sanctity. The Christian sees sin and its punishment in proper perspective; he has the genius to see the opportunity for grace and repentance where the heathen perceives nothing but confusion and disaster. Above all, in the light of Christ, he sees the distant goal, the end towards which all things move, and his vision is not held by nearer objects, but travels straight to that point where all things meet in the will and wisdom of God.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &



CHILDREN'S LITURGY classes continues this Sunday, November 24 & December 01, 08 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 24 & December 01, 08, 2024.

Bible Study 2024

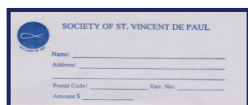
Join us for a Bible Study at our church! Every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the church hall basement (RCIA Room). We'll gather for a time of reflection and meaningful discussion on The First and Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Come as you are, whether you're new to Bible Study or looking to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



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Annual Christmas Collection November 30/December 01 We count on your support...

The members of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Fatima Church would like to thank you in advance and appeal for your generous support of this year's Christmas donation. Thanks to your help we are able as a parish to assist many Neighbors in Need and get them through a difficult time. There is a second offering envelope in your boxes on December 3. We are so grateful for ongoing support and prayers. Let us together make this time a blessed and happy time for all. May the grace of God be with you all.



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2025



The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2025 will be prepared soon for pick up!

Registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. New parishioners are encouraged to register with us and get their own box number so that contributions will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year. Updated information is always a great help to the office. (Please note that your box number may have change for 2025. Kindly take note of your new box number. Thank you all for your on-going support in our church).

GLORIA! St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at Massey Hall.

On Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 PM

A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's Gloria, Carol of the Bells, and The Star Carol. With close to 300 voices, 5 choirs consisting of students, and alumni, taking the stage, this year's programme is sure to be one of the best yet! Tickets are now available at www.masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For more information, please call 416-397-6367.



Help homeless youth through ShareLife

Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese. "Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much," says the agency's director. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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