

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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, December 01

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Ellen San Juan & Family (Thanksgiving)
12:15 p.m. Caporusso Family (Thanksgiving)

Monday, December 02

No Mass

Tuesday, December 03

- 8:00 a.m. +Anthony Hurley

Wednesday, December 04

- 7:00 p.m. Kirk Rodrigues (I)

Thursday, December 05

- 8:00 a.m. Jimenez & Julito Family (Thanksgiving)

Friday, December 06 First Friday

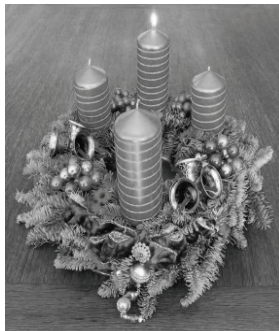
- 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit

Saturday, December 07

- 9:00 a.m. +Scotty Meghay
4:30 p.m. +Scotty Meghay

First Sunday of Advent - December 01, 2024

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact



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

2nd Sunday of Advent

A Season for Evangelization

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6 (6)

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Conversion: the start of the journey

In ordinary language we say that a man is a 'convert' if he is baptized as an adult. We do not say that of an infant who is baptized. This distinction is dangerous if it is taken to mean that infant baptism does away with the need for later conversion. An adult who comes into the Church proceeds from conversion to baptism. A child must proceed from baptism to conversion. — P. A. Liégé. O.P.

One of the most popular books in English Literature is Pilgrim's Progress written in 1678 by John Bunyan. It is an allegorical account of the adventures of 'Christian'. Fleeing the 'City of Destruction' he makes his way to the 'narrow gate' where he is freed from his burden of sin. From there he sets out on the road towards the 'Celestial City,' a road that is fraught with perils for the unwary.

Evangelical Protestants put great emphasis on the moment of 'being saved,' that instant when one accepts Jesus as one's personal Lord and Savior. We may be skeptical of these 'Halleluiah, praise Jesus' moments. The enthusiasm is often short-lived and in most cases does not result in any lasting transformation of character.

We should not be too skeptical, for as St. Paul says: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." On the other hand, St. Paul does not say, as many Evangelicals do, "Once saved, always saved"; he says, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling."

As the pilgrim found out when he arrived at the narrow gate, conversion is both a point of arrival and a point of departure. It may seem like the end of a long journey towards God, but it is really only the beginning.

One of the great accounts of conversion is given by St. Augustine in his Confessions. After a long search for wisdom he arrived at the critical moment of decision:

I was frantic, overcome by violent anger with myself for not accepting your will and entering into your covenant. Then I heard the voice of a child in a nearby house singing "tolle, lege — take it up, read it." So I opened a book containing the letters of St. Paul and I read: "Not in reveling and drunkenness, not in lust and wantonness, not in quarrels and rivalries. Rather, arm yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ; spend no more thought on nature and nature's appetites."

I had no wish to read more and no need to do so. For in an instant, as I came to the end of the sentence, it was as though the light of confidence flooded into my heart and all the darkness of doubt was dispelled.

This is the moment that Augustine passed through the narrow gate. It was the dramatic conclusion of the story of his conversion. It was also the beginning of a new story — his onward journey as a Christian to the Celestial City.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &



CHILDREN'S LITURGY classes continue this Sundays, December 01 No class but children are asked to be in church for Advent & December 08 Reviews for the communicant & Final class for this year at 10:30 am in the church hall.

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 December 01, 08.

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.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for

December 2024: For pilgrims of hope We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 09, 2024

6:00 pm Holy Hour & Rosary 7:00 pm Evening Mass

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother. You intercede for us with your Son, O Mary, conceived

without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



The Christmas Collection

SVDP today Nov.30/Dec. 01

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Hard to believe another year has passed by. We are so grateful for all the help we were able to give this past year to our Neighbors in Need. As of the end of September, we helped 253 adults and 313 children on a regular basis. That help is mainly due to your generosity and love you show to your fellow neighbors through your donations for food vouchers. Christmas time is especially hard on many and we try to give a bit extra for them to enjoy the wonders that Christmas brings. You will find a Saint Vincent de Paul envelope in your church envelope boxes this December. No help is too small. Together we will reach out a helping hand to all who call for it. Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity. God bless.

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).

Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"

'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church: During Advent we are invited to prepare for Christmas by praying and reflecting.



Wednesday, Dec. 18

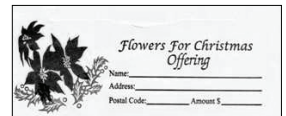
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Saturday, Dec. 21

3:30 pm - 4:20 pm

FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

We welcome all offerings of support for the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities.



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