

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

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

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

Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

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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 08

- 9:00 a.m. +Rene & Cecile Dumas
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
12:15 p.m. +Albert Adams

Monday, December 09

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed VM

- 7:00 p.m. Joanna Ferrao (I) Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. +Natalia R. DeLuna

Wednesday, December 11

- 7:00 p.m. Gary Rodriques (I)

Thursday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. +Isidro Bayani Villabroza

Friday, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. +Charles Fletcher

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. OCDS Mass
4:30 p.m. Kanan Rodriques (I) Thanksgiving

Second Sunday of Advent – December 08, 2024



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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

3rd Sunday of Advent
An Attitude of Gratitude

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

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:

A Blue Christmas

I guess you were right, Linus. I guess I really don't know what Christmas is all about. Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about? — Charlie Brown

As I have gotten older Christmas is less about 'Jingle Bells' and 'Jolly Old St. Nick' and more about the silence of the stable in Bethlehem. The excitement of Christmas is for children. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! For adults, Christmas is about being with family. For those separated from family it can be a sad time.

Before coming to Our Lady of Fatima I lived with my mother in Ottawa from November 2021 until the end of June 2022. Looking back on that time I see it as a great blessing. For the first time since my ordination I was able to be with her for Christmas and Easter. After arriving here I would go back to see her for a couple of days every three or four weeks. In September of last year we had to move her into a nursing home. I was not able to see her last Christmas but I took some vacation time after New Year's and dropped in to see her every day from January 2nd to 5th, which was my birthday. My sister called the following Sunday, January 7th to say that Mom had passed away.

When I was living with my Mom we did a lot of baking. There were few days that we did not have some kind of pie or cake for dessert. A couple of weeks ago I took advantage of a school PA Day to make my Mom's famous apple square. The familiar work of peeling the apples and rolling out the dough evoked a sad feeling of nostalgia. But then I got out the good Wedgewood plates and teacups and I treated the 'Friday ladies' to a tea party in the Sacristy.

For so many people the Christmas season brings with it feelings of grief and loneliness, especially when the death of a loved one has occurred around this time of year. As a society we do not handle grief well. We are expected to just get on with our lives. And as Christians may feel that we are expected to 'rejoice' that our loved ones are now with God.

But as St. Augustine said:

There are some who say that we should not grieve, but let them try if they can. It is impossible for us not to taste as bitter the death of those whose life for us was such a source of sweetness. Their death afflicts our heart even as our faith gives us the surer consolation that they are now freed from the evils of this present life.

It will be a 'blue' Christmas for me this year. And I am totally okay with that. As C.S. Lewis wrote in A Grief Observed, "The pain I feel now is the happiness I had before. That's the deal." I will do some Christmas baking, just as I did last year. Christmas would not be Christmas without the traditional raisin bread made according to the recipe passed down to me by my Babcia (Polish Grandma).





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

will be celebrated this Monday, December 09, 2024 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to participate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will have their *final meeting this Sunday*. *Classes will resume in January 12, 2025. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and Prosperous New year. Parents are encourage to continue teaching your children the basic prayers.*

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2025



The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2025 are prepared for pick up! Over the past year

we have been cleaning up our parish register. We have ordered 750 boxes of envelopes for this year, which is more than enough for our currently registered parishioners and the expected number of new parishioners. This means that if your current envelope number is greater than 750, you will be assigned a new number. Registered parishioners are encouraged to notify the Church office of any changes to their contact information. New parishioners are encouraged to register and request donations envelopes so that they can receive a tax receipt for their Sunday offering. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

School Mass for December



OLF School - Advent Mass
Wed. December 11, 2023 at 9:00 am
St. Joachim School - Advent Mass
Thurs. December 12, 2022 at 9:30 am
Wishing all staff and student a very

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

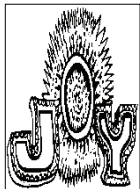
Knights of Columbus



The annual **SOCK DRIVE** by the Knights of Columbus continues throughout the four weeks of Advent. The **CHRISTMAS raffles** are also on sale at the back of the church.

Thank you for supporting these charitable initiatives.

Thank you very much from ... ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



to all parishioners for your generous support to the GIFT OFFERING in church during Advent. God reward you abundantly for your generosity!

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Presents: Rejoice, be glad,
... God is with us!

Christmas Novena Prayers
Songs, Mass & Fellowship
for Parish Families.
All are welcome...

Daily from Sunday, December 15 to Monday, December 23, 2024. Fellowship after all Mass.

Please contact the office for more information at 416-757-2806

Christmas Day 2024 & New Year's 2025 Schedules

Tuesday, December 24

No morning Mass

Family Mass at 6:00 pm Holy Mass
Christmas Eve at 9:00 pm Holy Mass
Midnight Mass at 12:00 am Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 25 at
9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm Holy Mass

December 26 Regular Scheduled is followed
Friday to Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve at
8:00 am & 7:00 pm Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 01 New Year's Day at
9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm Holy Mass

Thursday, January 02, 2025
Regular Scheduled is followed

The Parish Office is closed on all Statutory holidays!

Prayers and Best Wishes
for Frank Cardinal Leo



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo.

This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Usual Mass times

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:00 am & Saturday 9:00 am.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Holy Hour begin at 6:00pm)

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

Christmas Novena Masses

(In addition to the regularly scheduled Mass)

- (1) Sunday, December 15, 12:15 pm (with regular Mass)
- (2) Monday, December 16, 7:00 pm
- (3) Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 pm
- (4) Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm (with regular Mass)
- (5) Thursday, December 19, 7:00 pm
- (6) Friday, December 20, 7:00 pm
- (7) Saturday, December 21, 9:00 am (with regular Mass)
- (8) Sunday, December 22, 12:15 pm (with regular Mass)
- (9) Monday, December 23, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th

No morning Mass

6:00 pm — 9:00 pm — 12:00 midnight

(Carols begin half hour before each Mass)

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm (Mass for Christmas's Day)

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

8:00 am and 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:15 pm

The Parish Office will be closed on December 26 & 27, and January 2.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year!

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