

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## SCHOOLS:

### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

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### *St. Joachim's School*

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 15**

- 9:00 a.m. +Saluzin & Irene De Sequiera
- 10:30 a.m. +Mary Tossos
- 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish + **Novena 1**

**Monday, December 16**

- 7:00 p.m. **Novena 2**

**Tuesday, December 17**

- 8:00 a.m. +Charles F. Fletcher
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena 3**

**Wednesday, December 18**

- 7:00 p.m. + Anton Emmanuel + **Novena 4**

**Thursday, December 19**

- 8:00 a.m. Rajinie & Kumar Thevakumar (I)
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena 5**

**Friday, December 20**

- 8:00 a.m. +Jack Kernan
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena 6**

**Saturday, December 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Adrian & Helen Vaz
- 4:30 p.m. Kanan Rodrigues (I) Thanksgiving  
+**Novena 7**

**Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024**



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact **Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email**

**[ofatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:ofatimasc@archtoronto.org) for information.**

**Next Week Readings**

4th Sunday of Advent  
Lessons from our Mother  
**1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrew 10.5-10**  
**Gospel: Luke 1.39-45**

The Visitation

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

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*Mimetic desire*

Man is the creature who does not know what to desire, and he turns to others in order to make up his mind. We desire what others desire because we imitate their desires. — René Girard

In the Book of Exodus we read, “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.” This instruction, like much in the Bible, is easy to understand but not easy to implement. We humans are social animals. We naturally move in herds. When the herd is moving in the wrong direction, it is hard being the non-conformist who bucks the tide.

The French intellectual René Girard developed a theory of what he called ‘mimetic desire.’ Mimetic means imitative, from the same root as ‘mime’. When we see others in our group desiring a certain thing, we develop a desire for the same thing as well. The impulse is subconscious but powerful.

Simply put, we tend to want what other people want. That is why we have fads. For example, there is usually one ‘must-have’ Christmas gift that sells out early in the stores. Currently, many otherwise rational people have an irresistible urge to get tattoos. It is part of our built-in nature as social beings to hop on the bandwagon. This tendency is in itself neither good nor bad — but it does make a huge difference whether the bandwagon is heading for the ‘Celestial City’ or the ‘City of Destruction.’

We humans are intellectual animals; we are a combination of intellectual nature and animal nature. Like the lower animals we are moved by instinct and appetite. As intellectual beings, however, we can examine our motivations and if necessary, control our urges or channel them in positive directions.

Like all our other faculties, the intellect can be misused. All too often we engage in rationalization, quieting the nagging voice of conscience and finding ‘good’ reasons for doing what our better angels tell us is wrong.

Socrates famously said that “the unexamined life is not worth living.” He meant that we should not simply drift through life pandering to our baser instincts; rather, we ought to live intentionally, with purpose, cultivating those virtuous habits which lead to human fulfillment. The life of virtue is challenging but ultimately rewarding.

This may seem to be an odd meditation for Advent, but when so many are mindlessly following the pied piper of secularism in this ‘holiday season,’ I want to be intentional. Like everyone else, I too have a natural tendency to move with the herd. My ‘herd’ consists of St. Irenaeus and Augustine and Teresa of Avila and all the other great saints. I find myself desiring what they desired. But like St. Paul: “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”



**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.

**Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?**



Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household!

**Living the Gospel through ShareLife 2024**

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**A SPECIAL REMINDER**



in all Masses, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day ... *your Christmas Gift to the Parish!* Thank you!



**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!

December 26<sup>th</sup> & January 02<sup>nd</sup> .

**Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year**

**Masses & Celebrations**

Eucharistic Celebration at *St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica*

Sunday, December 29, 2024 – 5:00

p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. All are

welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2025**

*The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague*

*Will this year be Celebrated in*

*the evening Mass Wednesday,*

*January 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. .*



**Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools**



Registrations in the schools start **January 22, 2025** at 10.00 am.

Parents with children born in 2021 or earlier who will be enrolling in Kindergarten have the opportunity to apply on-line using the *Student On-line Admission and Registration* platform

known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://spar.tcdsb.org>. The on-line application offers access to translations in different languages, 24 hours a day, and with built-in help functions and features. For more details contact the school office.



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