

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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, January 12
 9:00 a.m. +Norma Osea
 10:30 a.m. Digna Libramonte (I) Thanksgiving
 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 13
No Mass

Tuesday, January 14
 8:00 a.m. Yanni Dimitraklas

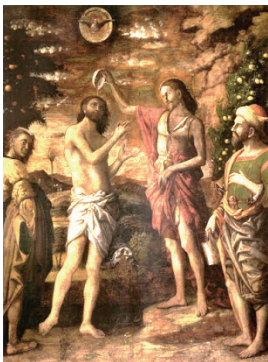
Wednesday, January 15
 7:00 pm +Christie Emmanuel

Thursday, January 16
 8:00 a.m. +Elsy Pappachan

Friday, January 17
 8:00 am +Antoinetta Palladino

Saturday, January 18
 9:00 a.m. +Christopher Counsel
 4:30 p.m. +Monica Donovan

Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is 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 Ordinary Time

Lessons from Cana

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-12

The Wedding at Cana

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

That we may gain wisdom of heart

Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita — Midway in the journey of our life I came to myself in a dark wood, for the straight way was lost. — Dante

Dante’s *Divine Comedy* begins with a mid-life crisis. Many people go through a similar experience when they realize that the years ahead of them are fewer than those behind. Optimally, this is an occasion to reconsider one’s goals in life and to reset one’s priorities. For Dante, in the poem, it was the beginning of an imaginary journey that would lead him through hell and purgatory to the vision of “*l’Amor che move il sole e l’altre stelle* — the Love which moves the sun and the other stars.”

When I arrived at the midpoint of my own life’s journey I felt the need to make some definite decisions regarding the future course of my life. Drifting along without a clear purpose no longer seemed to be an acceptable option. The words of Jesus to the Church in Laodicea were aimed at me: “I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

People often ask for my ‘vocation story.’ It is not an easy story to tell because the grace of God was at work in my life in so many different ways. One particularly important grace was my midlife decision to stop being a lukewarm Catholic. I had to choose between cold or hot! Once I opened wide the door to Christ grace followed upon grace leading to the discernment of my vocation.

As I reflect on the beginning of this new year (and another birthday) the ominous words of Psalm 90 come to mind:

Our life is over like a sigh. Our span is seventy years or eighty for those who are strong. And most of these are emptiness and pain. They pass swiftly and we are gone.

Seventy is now just three years away! And the older one gets the faster time flies. There is no telling what the future may hold in the way of unforeseen events, but the course of my life is now essentially set. Retirement age for priests is seventy-five. If God grants me good health until then we will see what further plans He has for me after that.

Psalm 90 begins on a gloomy note but the psalmist’s lamentations turn to praise: “In the morning fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give success to the work of our hands.”

At the midpoint of the psalm there is a key line that marks the transition from angst to acceptance: “Make us know the shortness of our life, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” As we face the challenges of this new year may God grant to all of us — especially to those of us who are far beyond midlife — that “wisdom of heart.”

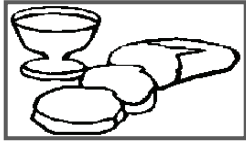


During all Masses today we have a second collection – **THE FUEL OFFERING.** This is a once yearly collection [in the heart of winter] to off-set our heating bills.



Thank for your kind support!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



classes will resume this Sunday January 12, 2025 at 10:30 am in the church hall. On Thursday, January 15 communicant will have their First confession at 6:00 pm in the church. Parents and candidate are ask to attend weekly Mass. Parents are encourage to teach your children the basic prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Classes start this Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 1:15 pm. Also, confession schedule on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Candidates are to participate Holy Mass after each sessions. 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 January 12, 2025

Bible Study 2025

Join us for a Bible Study at our church! Weekly session will resume on **Thursday, January 23 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.*



Are you new in the parish?

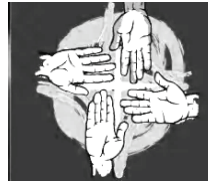
Please consider registering with us. Visit or phone the parish office at 416-757-2806, for more information.



Also, Donation Envelopes that are not pick – up kindly call the office so that we can put them aside for you. Your support means so much to us! Thank you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Theme: "Do You Believe This" John 11.26



Join Bishop J. A Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the church on **Sunday, January 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm. North City Church 377 Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7.** All are welcome.

JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace
transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally
blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

Marriage Sunday 2025

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).** All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. **Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025.** Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



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