

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, February 09

9:00 a.m. +Agnes & Danny Gomes
10:30 a.m. Lawrence Fraginal (I) Thanksgiving
12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, February 10

7:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 a.m. +James Boyd

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 pm Gabriel Micah (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 13

8:00 a.m. +Vito Bose

Friday, February 14

8:00 a.m. +Severina Mamaril

Saturday, February 15

9:00 a.m. +Lawrence Aguanno
4:30 p.m. + Mario Marasigan

5th Sunday in OT – February 09, 2025



Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blessed is the One Who Trusts

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corianthian 15.12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26

Blessing the Woes

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Bible believing and Bible preaching.

The biggest story in the faith space is the rise of the ‘Nones’ — those who reject religion entirely. The second biggest story is the rise of the ‘Nons’ — non-denominational Christians. — Ryan Burge, *Graphs About Religion*.

The ‘mainline’ Protestant denominations have been in steep decline for many decades. At the same time there has been a proliferation of unaffiliated Evangelical churches. What these have in common is a firm conviction that the Bible is the word of God. They pride themselves on being ‘Bible-believing and Bible-preaching.’

As Catholics, we can applaud any proclamation of Jesus as ‘the way, the truth, and the life.’ St. Paul said, “The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this, I rejoice.” The problem with the mainline denominations is that they are no longer Bible-believing. The question for the ‘Nons’ is “What do you mean by Bible-preaching?”

The issue is nicely summarized by St. Francis de Sales in a letter to the Protestants of his day:

If there is need of nothing more than the doctrine of the pure word of God contained in the Bible, then why do you have preachers? If you can feed yourselves in the field of Scripture, what do you want with pastors? Any mere child who is able to read the Bible will do just as well.

The problem with the Protestant doctrine of *sola scriptura*, ‘the Bible alone’, is that everyone who reads the Bible will have their own interpretation. The ‘father’ of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther, read the Bible and preached one set of doctrines. Calvin read the Bible and preached something different. Which of them was right?

The Catholic faith is based on the premise that Christian doctrine did not disappear with the last of the Apostles, only to be rediscovered fifteen centuries later by Luther or Calvin. We do not accept that every Christian writer, since the first century, got it wrong. My great saint, St. Irenaeus recounts stories about St. John the Evangelist told to him by St. Polycarp. Did Irenaeus and Polycarp misunderstand the basics of the faith as preached by the Apostles? Of course not! We have a letter written by Polycarp and a book written by Irenaeus “On the Apostolic Preaching.” The faith that they professed is the same faith that we profess today.

As Catholics we affirm, just like the “Nons”, that the Bible is the word of God. Like them, we pride ourselves on being Bible-believing and Bible-preaching. The difference is that we recognize that the Church, from the beginning, has been both these things. We have, for example, hundreds of St. Augustine’s homilies and biblical commentaries. We do not need to re-invent Christianity.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &



CHILDREN'S LITURGY *classes will continue this Sunday's February 9 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.*

Also, RCIA meeting continues this Sunday February 09, 2025 after the 12:15 pm Mass. Candidates are asked to go in the church hall (Stage Room).

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Classes will continue on Saturday, March 22 2025 at 1:15 pm. Candidates are also asked to participate to on March 05 for Ash Wednesday.



Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings listed in the class schedule given out to all with the application forms. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



-World Day of the Sick Tuesday February 11, 2025. Mass will be at 8:00 am .

The World Day of the Sick, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities.

“With our heart’s gaze directed toward the Grotto of Massabielle, let us contemplate Jesus as the true physician of bodies and souls, whom God the Father sent into the world to heal humanity, marked by sin and by its consequences.” - Pope Francis

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025

Reflection and Prayer, A Journey Through the Nicene Creed Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2025 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. All are cordially welcomed to join the neighbourhood events next will be on **Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 10:30 am St George’s Anglican Church 51 Center St. S. Oshawa, ON L1H 2Z9. The Fatherhood and care of God who rules the universe.**



CHALICE CANADA 2025



Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Glass and Our Lady of Fatima parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on Jan. 25-26. As a result, **26 children in need were sponsored.** On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future! Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.

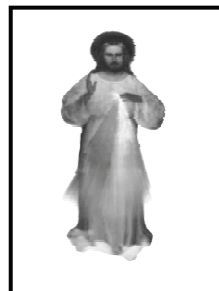
Jubilee of Youth 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from **July 23rd to August 5th, 2025.** Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Events and Program Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at avperiera@archtoronto.org.



The Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2025

The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is coming up and we are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship on **Saturday, 29th March, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto.** The theme this year, **“Power From on High”**, encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength. As the increasing numbers show, many of those who attend the Rally use this as their only opportunity to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The LJHR Team, requests your help to hear Confessions on that day **from noon to 1:00 pm. p.m.**, and, if possible, concelebrate Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins at 4:00 p.m. Please register now.



“Love and sacrifice are closely linked, like the sun and the light. We cannot love without suffering, and we cannot suffer without love.”— St. Gianna Beretta Molla

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