

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## SCHOOLS:

### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

### *St. Joachim's School*

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](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, February 23

- 9:00 a.m. +Luigi & Rose Fuser
10:30 a.m. Esteban Family (I) Thanksgiving
12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, February 24

7:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Mary Florence Abdul Azeez & Family (I)

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 pm Critch Family (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Kizzy Adams-Hughes (I) Thanksgiving

Friday, February 28

8:00 a.m. +Luz Valderama

Saturday, March 01

- 9:00 a.m. +Brisburn Hartford
4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

7th Sunday in OT – February 23, 2025



The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
Unlocking the Secret of Happiness

1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7

2nd Reading: 1Corinthian 15.54-58

Gospel: Luke 6.39-45

Judging Others

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Getting ready for Lent

On this Lenten journey let us be careful to accept Christ's invitation to follow him more decisively and consistently, renewing the grace and commitments of our Baptism, to cast off the former person within us and put on Christ, in order to arrive at Easter renewed and able to say, with St. Paul: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." — Pope Benedict XVI.

The date of Easter varies each year because it is linked to the Jewish Passover which occurs on the first full moon after the spring equinox. This means that Easter can occur on any date between March 22nd and April 25th. This year it falls on April 20th. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, therefore arrives on March 5th.

In Dante's Divine Comedy, the Latin poet Virgil comes to guide Dante to heaven. But the path leads them first down through the seven circles of hell. Only when they have reached the very bottom of the lowest pit are they able to climb the seven-story mountain of purgatory and, from there, ascend into the heavenly realms.

Dante's fictional journey illustrates a spiritual truth: there can be no Resurrection without Calvary. The people of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years before entering the Promised Land. We need the forty days of our Lenten 'desert', culminating in the observance of Good Friday, to fully experience the joy of the Easter.

Lent is a grace-filled time to free ourselves the many distractions in life. During this time we strive to practice a more disciplined life, putting a curb on our appetites in order to live more 'intentionally.'

I had a former boss who said, "Whenever I feel the urge to exercise, I lie down until it passes." How well that describes our response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit! When we are awakened to our need for a closer union with God, we hit the snooze button on our spiritual alarm clock.

The great Cardinal Zen, former Archbishop of Hong Kong, put it this way:

Lent is a time for awakening. When we are asleep, we are detached from reality. When we are awake, we are conscious of reality. To be renewed and reformed is to be brought back to the original, fundamental, beautiful reality. And what is that reality? It is that God loves me; God loves us. We are blessed to share a glorious eternal life with Christ. That requires us to participate in His suffering and death. Through the austerity and abstinence of Lent, we put to death the sinner in our hearts. Let us, therefore, hasten our pace and strain forward.

As St. Paul said: "Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own."



**At all Masses this weekend ...  
February 23, 2025**

... there will be a **second collection** at all of the weekend's Masses for the **RENOVATION FUND**.  
*We are very grateful for your generosity!*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY**



*Classes will resume this Sunday, February 23 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents are reminded that you have meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.*

Also, RCIA meeting continues this Sunday 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.

**Schedule on Ash Wednesday, March 05, 2025**

**Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

- 8:00 am Holy Mass with the blessings distribution of Ashes
- 9:30 am St. Joachim School Liturgy and distribution of Ashes
- 12:30 pm Our Lady of Fatima School Liturgy and distribution of Ashes
- 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Holy Hour & Confessions
- 7:00 pm Holy Mass with the blessings & distribution of Ashes

**May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.**



**Every Friday during Lent ...**

- 8:00 am Morning Mass
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Every Saturday in Lent ...**

- 9:00 am Morning Mass
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
- 4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



**We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.**

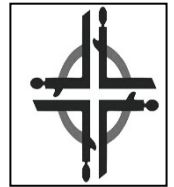
**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP WEEKEND  
Saturday, MARCH 15 & Sunday, March 16**



Spring cleaning in action! Help us to share with those in need from our community. Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, drapery, towels, new toys. The truck will be in the church parking lot and open Saturday March 15 and Sunday March 16 before and after masses.. Volunteers will be present to help with the loading. Unfortunately, we cannot accept furniture, dishes, books, videos, CD. Thank you for your support and God Bless.

**World Day of Prayer 2025**

The 2025 World Day of Prayer will be held at *St. Maria Goretti Parish at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 8, 2025*. Our sisters from the Cook Islands have spent the last few years reflecting on the theme: "I MADE YOU WONDERFUL," based on Psalm 139. Mark this date in your calendar. World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement of Christian women of many traditions who each year, since 1922, come together on the first Friday or Saturday of March to observe a common day of prayer. This service offers us a moment to reflect upon and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to share in the community of Christians around the world, and to commit to working for social justice.



**Calling Our Lady of Fatima Volunteers/  
Steward**

**Training sessions on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the church hall; refreshments to be served. On March 1, March 29 & May 31, 2025** Topics include volunteer guidelines, policies and procedures, rights, role, responsibilities and more. For more information, email Josephine Ortega at [jortega@archtoronto.org](mailto:jortega@archtoronto.org) or call the parish office c/o Aurora at 416-757-2806.

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