

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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, March 09
 9:00 a.m. +Joel & Adelfa Villaflor
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 12:15 p.m. +Rodolfo Carrozzier

Monday, March 10
 7:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, March 11
 8:00 a.m. +Ramon Villamater

Wednesday, March 12
 7:00 pm +San Juan Deceased Family Members

Thursday, March 13
 8:00 a.m. Cholita Rimas

Friday, March 14
 8:00 a.m. +Benito Abuel
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15
 9:00 a.m. +Ida Glass
 4:30 p.m. Josephine Ortega (I) Thanksgiving

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The sadness of Christ.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." — Matthew 26:36-39.

During this season of Lent the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary come to the fore. As we meditate on the first of these mysteries, the agony of Jesus in the garden, we might wonder, as St. Thomas More once did, why Jesus experienced such extreme mental anguish:

Christ is the very prototype and leader of martyrs. He told his disciples not to be afraid of those who kill the body. How is it fitting, then, that he should be terrified at the approach of pain and be so utterly downcast?

St. Thomas More pondered this question while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London awaiting execution for his resistance to the iniquities of King Henry VIII. He shared his reflections in a book which he titled *The Sadness, the Weariness, and the Prayer of Christ Before He Was Taken Prisoner*. For More, this was not an academic exercise but a profound meditation on the passion of Christ in light of his own impending death.

More understands that Christ was not simply overcome by fear and sadness, but that he freely *chose* to suffer this great mental distress:

I say "chose" and not "was forced" because who could have forced God? Jesus *chose* to moderate the influence of his divinity on his humanity for such a time and in such a way that he was able to yield to the passions of our frail humanity and to suffer them with such terrible intensity. Because he came into the world to earn joy for us by his own sorrow, and since that future joy of ours was to be fulfilled in our souls as well as our bodies, he chose to experience not only the pain of torture in his body, but also the most bitter feelings of sadness, fear and weariness in his mind.

When Jesus left the upper room of the Last Supper and went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, he knew exactly what was going to happen next. Jesus knew that his agonizing death on the cross would lead to his glorious resurrection. It was to accomplish this that he came into the world. And as the Letter to the Hebrews says, he was like us in all things but sin. Jesus was determined to test the limits of human suffering — not only physical suffering, but mental suffering as well.

First Sunday of Lent – March 09, 2025

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Ascending and Descending the Mountain

1st Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

The Transfiguration

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



No classes *this Sunday, March 9 & March 16 due to March. Will resume on March 23 in the church hall at 10:30 am.*

Wishing all students enjoyable and safe break.

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.

R.C.I.A. program for 2024-2025 – sessions ...



Sessions are held in the 'Stage Room' every Sunday at after the 12:15 pm in our church hall.

Each session last more or less 60 minutes. The next sessions are this Sunday **March 23**. At this point we cannot accept any more new applicants.

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.

“Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from lethargy”.

By: Pope Francis

ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF B.V.M.

and Patron of Canada



On Wednesday, March 19, Solemn Feast day of Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, Devotions start at **6:30 pm**. Solemn Mass follows at **7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend.

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen".

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

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.

Announcing the 2025 ShareLife Campaign

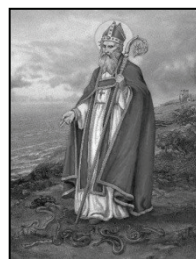


As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on **March 30**, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK



Monday, March 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

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