

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

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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."!*



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. +Agnes & Danny Gomes
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:15 p.m. +Teresita Fetros

Monday, March 17

7:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, March 18

8:00 a.m. +Stella & Antony Silva

Wednesday, March 19

7:00 pm +Vito (Rosa) Caporusso & Fam. Dec. Members

Thursday, March 20

8:00 a.m. +Thomas Muckath

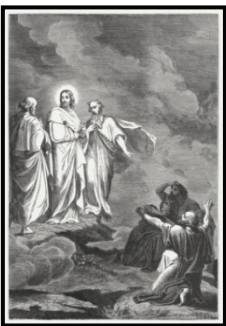
Friday, March 21

- 8:00 a.m. +Luceia Belgrave
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

- 9:00 a.m. +Tina Antao
- 4:30 p.m. + Clifford Goveas

Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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

Called by Name

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

The Need to Repent & The Barren Fig Tree

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Testimony of Hope

I understand that each moment in my life is a series of choices between God and the works of God, a choice that is always new, a choice that becomes conversion. — Cardinal Francis Van Thuan

Pope John Paul II, at the beginning of the new millennium, invited Bishop Francis Van Thuan to preach the Lenten retreat for the Roman Curia. These retreat talks have been published as *Testimony of Hope*. This book was recommended to me as being 'inspirational' but it is much more than that. It is a powerful testimony to the virtue of Christian hope in the midst of the greatest hardships.

Bishop Thuan was imprisoned for thirteen years by the communist regime in Vietnam. The conditions of his imprisonment were brutal but his greatest distress was having been forced to abandon the faithful people of his diocese and the many good works that he had begun.

Then one night, from the depths of my heart, a voice said to me: "Why do you torment yourself like this? You have begun excellent works. These are God's works, but they are not God! If God wants you to leave all of these works, do it right away and have faith in him. God can do things infinitely better than you can. He will entrust his works to others who are much more capable. You have chosen God alone, not his works."

Bishop Thuan recounts how the Word of God was preserved even in the prison. The pages of a smuggled copy of the New Testament were divided among the Catholic prisoners who each committed their portion to memory.

In the darkness of the night, the prisoners would recite in turn that part that each had memorized. It was a moving experience to be in the presence of Jesus the 'living Gospel' spoken by prisoners with all the strength of soul. The non-Christians also listened with respect and admiration to what they called 'the Sacred Word.'

The Bishop also found a way to secretly celebrate the Eucharist. He was able to obtain a small bottle of wine labeled 'medicine for stomach-ache.' As he recalls:

Every day, with three drops of wine and a drop of water in the palm of my hand, I would celebrate Mass. This was my altar. This was my Cathedral. It was true medicine for soul and body. Those were the most beautiful Masses of my life!

It was Bishop Thuan's strong faith that sustained him under conditions that few of us can imagine.

In prison I would ask myself: What did Jesus leave us before going to heaven? The answer: He left his Word, his Body, his Mother, his priesthood, and his peace. In his infinite love (*in finem dilexit*, he loved them to the end) he left us everything.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Classes will resume next Sunday, March 23 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Students will continue with Chapter 5, parents are asked to support the communicant especially with the basic prayers. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Classes will continue this Saturday, March 22 2025 at 1:15 pm. 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 16 & 23**. At this point we cannot accept any more new applicants. Thank you.

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.

Bible Study 2025

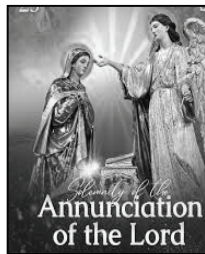


Join us for a Bible Study at our church! **Every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the church hall basement (RCIA Room).** We'll gather for a time of reflection and meaningful discussion on **The First and Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**. Come as you are, whether you're new to Bible Study or looking to deepen your faith. Bring your own Bible. All are welcome.

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.

Annunciation of the Lord 2025



Next Tuesday, March 25 – Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord – **Morning Mass at 8:00 am Evening Mass at 7.00 pm.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by his X Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMINDER THAT ... There is a second collection

- this weekend **March 15/16** for the **Renovation Fund**. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance and support. May God reward abundantly. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



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Sharelife Campaign 2025

You extend the hands of Christ to those in need. ShareLife **Sunday is March 30**. Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion. **Our parish goal this year campaign is \$42,000.** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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