

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."!**



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 23

- 9:00 a.m. +Tina Antao
- 10:30 a.m. Rev. Victor Mallia (I) Thanksgiving
- 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 24

- 7:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, March 25

- 8:00 a.m. +Lina Jacono
- 7:00 p.m. +Tina Antao

Wednesday, March 26

- 7:00 pm +Aida Abuel

Thursday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. Ruperto Fraginal (I) Thanksgiving

Friday, March 28

- 8:00 a.m. +Dianne De France
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. +Jarae M. Mendoza
- 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Lent – March 23, 2025

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Approaching the Mercy of God

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15-1-3, 11-32

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Solemnity of the Annunciation

The Angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus... The Angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God... Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” — Luke 1:26-38

Of all ancient cultures, the people of Israel are unique in their belief that there is only one God. The great prayer of the Hebrew people is the *Shema*: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” Isaiah proclaims: “I am the Lord, and there is no other. Besides me there is no God.” How, then, did the disciples come to believe that Jesus was more than a great prophet, and that he was actually *God*? For a faithful Jew this would have been an impossible idea.

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” It is Peter who replied, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” When Jesus was about to raise Lazarus, Martha says to him, “Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” Nowhere in the Prophets, however, is the Messiah described as a divine person.

When we read the Gospels we see that Jesus gradually prepared his disciples for the truth of his identity. The proof, however, came only after the Resurrection when, as St. Paul tells us, “he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive.” It is on account of this eye-witness testimony that St. Paul can attest that “there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation we celebrate the single most important event in the whole of human history. When Mary spoke her *fiat* to the Archangel Gabriel, God became man in her virginal womb.

As Pope St. Leo the Great preached in one of his homilies on the Incarnation:

When the Son of God assumed our human nature he enlarged our humanity without diminishing his divinity. Each nature exercises its own activity in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word and the flesh fulfills what is proper to the flesh. One and the same *person* — this must be said over and over again — is truly the Son of God and truly the Son of Man. He is God in virtue of the fact that ‘in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.’ He is man in virtue of the fact that ‘the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.’



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Classes will resume this Sunday, March 23 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents are reminded to bring their child for confession if they missed it on January 16. Regular schedule confessions are Wednesday's at 5:30 to 6:15 pm and Saturday's at 3:30 to 4:20 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Candidates will have 2nd Confession day on April 10 at 7:00 pm in the church.



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 & 30. 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.

Calling Our Lady of Fatima Volunteers/ Stewards 2025

March 29 & May 31, 2025 Training sessions on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. in the church hall; refreshments to be served. *Another chance to attend training if you missed the previous sessions.* Topics include volunteer guidelines, policies and procedures, rights, role, responsibilities and more. For more information, email Josephine Ortega at jortega@archtoronto.org or call the parish office c/o Aurora at 416-757-2806. *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."* — 1 Peter 4:10

Archdiocese - Lenten Day of Confessions on March 30 to April 05, 2025

In our church please see schedule below:



Saturday, March 29, 2025

at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm

Wednesday, April 02, 2025

5:30 pm to 6:40 pm

Saturday, April 05, 2025

at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament of God's mercy, a sacrament of healing.

A Day with Mary 2025

On Saturday, May 31, The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



A new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper

in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship, and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. *Blessed are you among women and blessed is thy fruit of thy womb. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!*

Share Life 2025 Campaign- March 30 Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry.

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be." Parish goal for this year [\$42,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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