

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."!*



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Sunday, April 06

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. +Agnes Gonsalves
- 12:15 p.m. +Richard Sarabia

Monday, April 07

No Mass

Tuesday, April 08

- 8:00 a.m. + Betty Lynn Grodnitsky

Wednesday, April 09

- 7:00 pm + Gloria Mesina

Thursday, April 10

- 8:00 a.m. +Clementino Rosco

Friday, April 11

- 8:00 a.m. +Anton Emmanuel
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12

- 9:00 a.m. +Tina Antao
- 4:30 p.m. +William Namek

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 06, 2025



What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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 ofatimasc@archtoronto.org for information.

Next Week Readings

Palm Sunday

Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philipians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14-25-23.56 or 23.1-49

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The song of Bernadette.

We all know and love Bernadette Soubirous. This simple girl from the Pyrenees, with no access to education, retained a pure and honest heart that was able to see the Mother of the Lord. Mary pointed her to the spring of water which has become a sign that shows where the source of life is found. This water is an image of truth that comes to us in faith. Bernadette is a sign of how we ought to live. We must not lose our simple hearts. We must always pray for the humility that enables the heart to see the beauty and goodness of God, and to find the spring from which flows the purifying life-giving water. — Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on his 85th birthday, 16 April 2012.

We recently celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, and it brought to mind one of my all-time favorite saints, Bernadette. The 1943 film, *The Song of Bernadette*, is based on a novel of the same name by the Austrian novelist Franz Werfel. Because of his Jewish faith, he and his family were forced to flee Nazi-ruled Austria in 1938. They found shelter in the town of Lourdes before being able to make their way to America. In thanksgiving for their escape, he wrote the story of Bernadette.

Thinking about Bernadette, I was surprised that I could not find her feast day in the Missal! Her feast day used to be on February 18th, a date associated with the apparitions, but it was subsequently moved to April 16th, the date of her death in 1879, at the age of 35. This year her feast day falls within Holy Week, so it cannot be celebrated. Nevertheless, her (accidental?) absence from the Missal is perplexing and annoying. As Pope Benedict said, this is a saint who is *known and loved by all!*

Bernadette, like the children of Fatima, had a beautiful simplicity. Like Lucia, she entered a convent and lived an outwardly unexceptional life. She was asked, “When you encounter people, even priests, who refuse to believe what you are telling them, don’t you feel any anger or resentment?” She answered, “No. I tell them what I have seen and heard, and then if they don’t want to believe me, they are free not to. It is none of my business.”

The Canadian Jewish poet and songwriter, Leonard Cohen, also wrote a *Song of Bernadette*:

There was a child named Bernadette / I heard the story long ago / She saw the Queen of Heaven once / and kept the vision in her soul / No one believed what she had seen / No one believed what she heard / That there were sorrows to be healed /and mercy, mercy in this world / So many hearts I find / broke like yours and mine / torn by what we've done and can't undo / I just want to hold you / come on, let me hold you / like Bernadette would do.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Classes continue's this Sunday, April 06 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Reviewing for another confession on Thursday April 10, 2025 in the church. Parents please continue to practice with your son or daughter. Thank you

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 final session is this Sunday April 06. At this point we cannot accept any more new applicants. Thank you.

Holy Triduum Schedule 2025

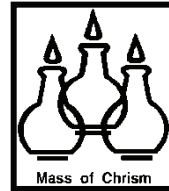
April 17 <i>Holy Thursday</i>		No morning Mass
	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 18 <i>Good Friday</i>	Day of Fasting and Abstinence	
	12:00 noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion [1]
	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion [2]
April 19 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	12:00 pm	Blessing of Easter Food
	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Easter Day
	10:30 am	Sunday Masses
	12:15 pm	The Lord is Risen – Allelujah! Allelujah!

The Office is closed from Holy Thursday (half day only), Good Friday (April 18) to Easter Monday (April 21) both days inclusive.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ...



MASS OF CHRISM



Our Archbishop – His Emm. Francis Leo – will celebrate the MASS OF CHRISM with all the priests of the archdiocese on Tuesday, April 15 at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11.00 am.

The Holy Oils – blessed during this Mass – will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from Easter.

Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.

Sharelife 2025 Campaign

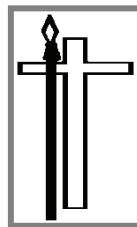
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Good Friday Collection

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land!



The mission of the 'Commissariat of the Holy Land' is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites we as Catholics hold so dear. In the words of His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI "The Church of the Holy Land, which so often experienced the dark mystery of Golgotha, must never cease to be an intrepid herald of the luminous message of hope which this empty tomb proclaims." For us too, we can bring this message of hope and light to others! We can also be pilgrims of peace! Please support those that live this challenge on our behalf.

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