

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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."



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. Past & Present Benefactors & Volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul
- 10:30 a.m. Past & Present Benefactors & Volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul
- 12:15 p.m. Past & Present Benefactors & Volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul

Monday, April 28

No Mass

Tuesday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. +Edward Kowalski

Wednesday, April 30

- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Thursday, May 01

- 8:00 a.m. +Agnes & Danny Gomes

First Friday, May 02

- 7:00 p.m. +Salvador Alcantara

Saturday, May 03

- 9:00 a.m. +Mary Columbo
- 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you contact **Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or 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

Learning to Truly Love Christ

1st Reading: Acts 5.27-32, 40b-41

2nd Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19

Jesus Appears on the river

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Honoring the Saints.

We honor the saints so that we may be inspired to imitate them and also to obtain the help of their prayers. However, we do not build altars to the saints but rather to the God of saints. Divine worship, which the Greeks call *latría*, is given to God alone. We regard the saints with the same affection that we feel towards holy men in this life. There is more devotion in our feeling towards the saints because we can speak with greater confidence in praise of those who are already victors in heaven than of those still struggling here below. — St. Augustine

Most weekday Masses are dedicated to a particular Saint. This is a custom which dates back to the early Church when Mass would be celebrated at the tombs of the martyrs on the anniversaries of their deaths.

Lately, I have acquired a greater appreciation of the Saints. I admire the example of their holy lives and profit from their teaching. Just as God sent Prophets to instruct the people of Israel, so God inspires Saints to perform a similar role within the Church. As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote:

The line of prophets who foretold the coming of Christ ended with St. John the Baptist, who pointed to Christ actually present. But as St. Jerome says, "This does not mean that there are no more prophets after John. At all times there have been people with the spirit of prophecy, not indeed for the declaration of any new doctrine, but for the direction of human acts."

This prophetic role is seen especially in those who have been named 'Doctors of the Church,' such as St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Teresa of Avila. Other Saints are renowned for their incredible courage and self-sacrifice, such as the sixteen Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne who were guillotined during the French Revolution. We also cannot overlook those whose holiness shone through their youthful innocence, such as Bernadette of Lourdes and the children of Fatima.

Tomorrow is the memorial of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort (+1841), the great apostle of the Rosary. Pope John Paul II said that his reading of Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary* was a pivotal moment in his spiritual life. On the following day we honor St. Catherine of Siena (+1380) who is famous for *The Dialogues*, a conversation between God and the soul. Later in the week we honor St. Athanasius (+373), the great defender of the divinity of Christ against the Arian heresy.

The key attribute of the Saint is heroic virtue. Their lives provide a testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church. God continues to raise up holy men and women to renew the Church, to spread the Gospel, and to draw people into a closer union with Christ.



APRIL 27, 2025



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



This Sunday, April 27, is the final session for the communicants in the church hall at 10:30 am.

REMINDER:

Rehearsal is schedule on Saturday, May 03 at 10:00 am in the church hall.

First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:30 pm. Let us keep them in our prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Up-coming schedule *Saturday, May 10 at 2:30 pm rehearsal with sponsor. Sunday, May 25 is the Confirmation Mass at 2:30 pm.* Participation in the



Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory until the May 17. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis



A Memorial Mass will be held in remembrance of His Holiness Pope Francis, honoring his faithful service and profound impact on the Church and the world. *On Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 pm.* All are welcome to

join us in prayer as we give thanks for his life, leadership, and lasting spiritual legacy.

ShareLife Campaign 2025

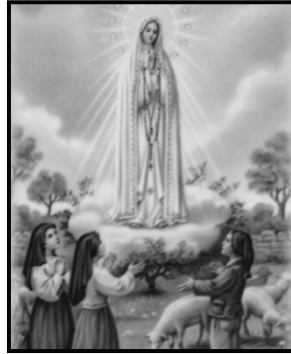
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The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

In this month of May, let's offer Our Mother the prayers and devotions of our hearts. Our Lady of Fatima ... pray for us. Feast of OUR LADY OF FATIMA - 2025



This year's Fatima novena and feast. Focus on the importance of family and the role of parents in teaching their children about faith, prayer, and the importance of living a life of holiness. Love offerings for flowers and candles together with *Prayer Intentions* for the Novena

Masses are appreciated. Fatima devotees and parishioners are encouraged to join us for any of these novena days and the feast-day Masses. **Please see bulletin for schedules or Visit: [@archtoronto.org](http://www.olfatimasc) for more information.**

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!"



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