

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## SCHOOLS:

### ***Our Lady of Fatima School***

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

### ***St. Joachim's School***

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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, May 11

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30 a.m. +Joan McManus + **Novena 8**  
 12:15 p.m. +Maggie Fournier

### Monday, May 12

7:00 pm + Ranji Selvanayagam  
 & **Final Novena Mass**

### Tuesday, May 13 Feast Day

8:00 a.m. Marie Collins (I) Thanksging  
 7:00 pm +Isabelita Roda

### Wednesday, May 14

7:00 p.m. +Hernan Naus

### Thursday, May 15

8:00 a.m. +Frances Callahan

### Friday, May 16

8:00 am +Marion & Michael Cunningham &  
 Deceased Family Members

### Saturday, May 17

9:00 a.m. +Ronald Alphonso  
 4:30 p.m. +Anita Marivelez

### 4th Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org) for information.**

### Next Week Readings

St. Therese's School of Love

**1st Reading: Acts 14.21b-27**

**2nd Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a**

**Gospel: John 13-1, 31-33a, 34-35++**

The New Commandment

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

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

#### *Our Lady of Fatima.*

We suddenly saw what seemed to be a flash of lightning. "We'd better go home," I said to my cousins. We began to go down the slope when we saw on a holm oak a lady dressed all in white, brighter than the sun and radiating light more clear and intense than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water when the rays of the sun shine through it. She said, "Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm." I asked, "Where are you from." She replied, "I am from heaven." — Lucia dos Santos

Several years ago a friend visited Fatima, Portugal and brought me back a Rosary from the shrine. This became my most used set of beads. It seemed providential when I was assigned to this Parish.

There of many instances of Mary showing herself to the faithful. The most notable of these are Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fatima. Each of these 'Marian apparitions' was accompanied by a miraculous sign: the image on the tilma, the spring of water, the miracle of the sun. Not only have these apparitions been approved by the Church and assigned feast days, but those to whom Mary appeared have been declared Saints: Juan Diego, Bernadette, Francisco and Jacinta. Much has been made of the 'messages' or 'secrets' associated with these appearances, but the essential message in each case is quite simple: a call to conversion and prayer.

The two younger children of Fatima, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, did not live long after seeing Our Lady in 1917. Francisco died in 1919 and Jacinta in 1920. Their joint feast day in the Church's calendar is 20 February, the anniversary of Jacinta's death. Lucia became a nun with the Sisters of St. Dorothy but later she transferred to the Discalced Carmelites. Lucia died in 2005 at the age of 97. Her case for sainthood is in progress.

The miracle of the sun is dismissed by skeptics as a fiction, despite having been seen by thousands of people. After all, it is impossible for the sun to move about in the sky. Fr. Stanley Jaki, priest and physicist, offers a rational explanation that respects the accounts of the eyewitnesses. He concludes that the cause was an 'ice lens' in the upper atmosphere which refracted the light from the sun. Such ice lenses do form but are exceedingly rare.

That the 'dancing' of the sun in the sky can be attributed to natural causes does not lessen the significance of the event. That such a rare event occurred on the very day that thousands had gathered at the Cova da Iria to witness a promised 'sign' from the Virgin Mary is a miracle in itself. As Fr. Jaki writes, "In producing miracles God often makes use of natural causes, but enhances their physical components and their interactions. One can indeed say that the Mother of God played with the rays of the sun at that extraordinary hour at Fatima."



MAY 11, 2025



Today, May 11, is ...

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Wishing all mother's in our community a

**Happy Mother's Day.**



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2025

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & classes will continue this *Sunday, May 11* during the **10:30 am Mass** in the church hall. All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to attend and participate.



### CONFIRMATION 2024-2025



**Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday, May 25 at 2:30 pm.**

Upon arrival candidates you may proceed down the hall for their gowns. All candidates,

sponsors, and parents are asked to be seated in the church at 1:45 pm. Thank you for your co-operation. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

*"We pray that our Church will be filled with vocations, both ordained and consecrated, to serve our people and proclaim the Gospel. May we all be faithful witnesses to your love."*

### Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Icon of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be arriving in our Parish on Sunday morning May 18<sup>th</sup> till Saturday evening May 24<sup>th</sup>. All families are invited and encouraged to come and spend some special private prayers during this week. On Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> Fr. Dominic Borg and Fr. Bernard will be



concelebrating and special prayers said Infront of The Icon. Come and join us to pray for the parish, our families and Canada. Organized by: The Knights of Columbus.



Next Monday – May 20th – is ...



**Church & Office will be closed all day.  
Have a pleasant holiday with your family!**

### Sharelife Campaign 2025

**Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation**



The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith. Thus far we have raised [insert total raised] toward our goal of [insert goal amount]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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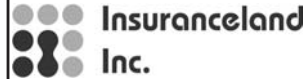
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