

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."



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 25

9:00 a.m. +Johnstone
 10:30 a.m. +Steve Vouzoukos
 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish
 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass

Monday, May 26

No Mass

Tuesday, May 27

8:00 a.m. + Harold Adams

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Living Members of the Lucia dos Santos Community

Thursday, May 29

8:00 a.m. +Cecilio Nepumuceno

Friday, May 30

8:00 am +Albert Werner

Saturday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Luis Gonzalo Haro (I) Thanksgiving
 4:30 p.m. +Nayda Simple

6th Sunday of Easter – May 25, 2025



Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious 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

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1-17-23

or Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23

Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

Prayer and Evangelization

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Nostalgia.

Nature's first green is gold, her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf's a flower; but only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf. So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay.

— Robert Frost

"Do you miss it?" My Mom would ask me that question almost every time I visited her at the nursing home. She was referring to 'the country place.' My Dad bought the 25-acre lot near Alexandria, Ontario, just an hour's drive from our home in Montreal, in 1967. He and my older brothers built a house there with lumber from a local sawmill. When I was growing up we spent most weekends there. Later, when I was living on my own, I would be back there every second or third weekend and for my vacations. When I was in the Seminary I was there every summer with Mom and the grand-kids — for the kids it was 'gardening camp.' We had a large productive vegetable garden; the soil started out as stiff clay but, over many years, it developed into soft loam. Regrettably, we had to sell the place a few years ago when Mom was no longer well enough to make the trip.

Lately, I have had a deep longing for home. There is nothing that I would like more right now than to be at the country place, tilling the garden; or just to sit once more with my Mom in front of her home in Ottawa, watching the world go by. Do I miss it? Yes, I miss it very much.

Nostalgia is a longing to return to the past — a kind of home-sickness. It is a longing that can never be satisfied. The hands of the clock turn in only one direction. You can never go home again.

Still, I am grateful beyond words for the many good times that we had — especially the tremendous grace of the few months that I lived with my Mom in Ottawa before coming to Fatima. Those memories are tinged with a feeling of loss, but 'the sadness now is part of the happiness then.' As much as we wish that we could prolong indefinitely our good times, it is as the poet said: 'nothing gold can stay.'

Don't get me wrong — I am not complaining. Coming to Fatima has, in many ways, been a great blessing. I also realize that there are people who are going through truly difficult times. They are, as we pray in the *Salve Regina*, 'mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.' My nostalgia is trivial in comparison with the real pain that many are suffering. But "the Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Where troubles abound, grace even more abounds. We should always keep in mind the words of St. Teresa of Avila:

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing; God never changes. Patient endurance obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.



MAY 25, 2025



Special Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works

This Sunday May 25, 2025.

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2025

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings will continue this *Sunday, May 25* 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



Join us today, **May 25 at 2:30 pm**, as we joyfully celebrate **Confirmation Sunday!** Our confirmands will affirm their baptismal vows and take an important step in their faith journey during this special service. We give heartfelt thanks to Rwanthi & Danuta who has faithfully guided and taught our confirmands throughout their preparation. We also extend our gratitude to our choir for their beautiful music and dedication in making this service even more meaningful.

Sharelife Campaign 2025

Your love can help others thrive

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles.

Thus far we have raised **[\$24,811.00]** toward our goal of **[\$42,000.00]**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2025-2026

Novena 2- Wed. **May 28** at 6:00 pm

Novena 3- Wed. **Jun. 25** at 6:00 pm

Novena 4- Wed. **Jul. 23** at 6:00 pm

Novena 5- Wed. **Aug. 27** at 6:00 pm

Novena 6- Wed. **Sept. 24** at 6:00pm



The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Bake Sale! Bake Sale! Bake Sale

St. Vincent de Paul Fundraising

All donations will be accepted by Saturday

May 31st from 12:00 pm to 2:00pm.

Sit & Enjoy

**Cake, Coffee, Tea, Cookies,
Muffin & More...**

*Sat. May 31st at 5:30 pm & Sun June 1st
after each Mass at the church basement.*



Baptism Preparation for May 2025



A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for baptism, will take place **on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 6:00 pm** in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on **Saturday, June 07, 2025 at 10:30 am.**

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn: How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code



2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune7 3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar June 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

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