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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

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Lucia Dos Santos Community - every 3rd Tues. @ 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

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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, September 21

4:30 pm (vigil) Corazon Valencia (I)
 9:00 am People of the Parish
 10:30 am + June Tibayan
 12:15 pm + Stanley Mukkath

Monday, September 22

No Mass

Tuesday, September 23

8:00 am + Johanna Taylor

Wednesday, September 24

7:00 pm + Emanuella Chinenye Adi

Thursday, September 25

8:00 am + Ida Glass

Friday, September 26

8:00 am + Catherine MacMillan

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am Benefactors of SVDP

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

How can one be sure of your faith? *Fac et videbis*: Do it and you will see. — St. Augustine

Christian faith is not an ideology nor a philosophy. It is a transformation of mind and heart, it is the renewal of one's whole being brought about by the working of God's grace in the human soul. As the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul. Only when we are alive in the Spirit are we truly alive. Christianity certainly has a body of doctrines, but the essence of the Christian faith is Grace, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the soul.

It has often been said, and rightly so, that we do not preach *Christianity*, we proclaim *Christ*. As St. Paul told the Corinthians: "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Our faith, in the first place, is not beliefs *about* Christ. First of all, we believe *in* Christ. As we say each Sunday: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, ... and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord." It is because we believe *in* Christ that we believe Christ — what he himself has taught us, as recorded in the Gospels. Because we believe *in* Christ, we also believe *about* Christ what has been handed down to us by the Apostles and their successors.

It is not easy to live the faith in this secular age, what St. Paul calls "the time of this present darkness." We are living in an age of "heroic atheism." It is considered to be truly courageous to resist the "false comfort of religion" and to confront fearlessly the utter meaninglessness of the universe and the ultimate pointlessness of human existence. That is the current *spiritus mundi*, the spirit of the age.

Yet, Jacques Maritain observed that, even in this modern age of widespread rejection of faith, there are "great truths of common sense which the human heart obstinately retains even when one verbally denies them: the existence of the world, finality, freedom, providence, the existence of God and the immortality of the soul."

Cardinal Newman a century earlier wrote: "I think the great argument against this day's infidelity is that it does not, cannot believe in itself. In the majority of unbelievers there is a deep misgiving that they are wrong — probably wrong." Or as C. S. Lewis put it: "Even atheists have their moments of doubt."

There is, when you get right down to it, nothing all that remarkable about faith. It is merely acknowledging reality, seeing things as they truly are. As Christians we are not searching for the light in this age of intellectual and spiritual darkness. St. John writes: "This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

How can we be sure of our faith?

Fac et videbis — Do it and you will see.

25th Sun in Ordinary Time – September 21, 2025

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, **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 – 28 September 2025

Twenty- Sixth Sunday in OT

Keep the commandment until the manifestation of the Lord

1st Reading: Amos 6.1a, 4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

You received good things, but Lazarus received evil; now he is comforted, while you are in agony

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

2025 Theme: Peace with Creation

Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2025

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will resume this *Sunday, September 21*, during the **10:30 am Mass**.

All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.



Classes starts this Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 am in the church hall.



Parent Reminder: Classes will begin with an introductory lesson. During this time, the children will be given their portfolios along with the books they will need for the year. **Parents and candidate are invited to take part in weekly Mass as part of the program.** Thank

you for your support and cooperation.

Details regarding **Confirmation Sessions** will be announced with applications at a later date. Please stay tuned for further updates. Thank you.



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2025 – Apr. 2026

Anyone interested in *joining* the Catholic Church? Already a Catholic and would like to *deepen your faith*? Perhaps you want to *refresh* your catholic doctrine? **Then you are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program, a journey of prayer and instruction for those who wish to explore and strengthen the beauty of the Catholic faith.** If you or anyone you know are interested, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org



St. Michael's Presents: STOPS & SONGS

Featuring the distinguished faculty of St. Michael's Choir School Sunday, **September 28, 2025 at 2:30 PM. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.** Join the distinguished faculty of St. Michael's Choir School for an unforgettable afternoon of music for voice and organ, featuring timeless works that echo the grandeur of our sacred space. Experience the artistry and spirit that define SMCS in a concert celebrating tradition, talent, and transcendent sound. The recital is free; a suggested donation of \$25pp can be made online at smcs.on.ca/concerts or on the afternoon of the recital.



We pray that we will use our time wisely, reflecting on what is truly important, sharing our time and talents thoughtfully and responsibly..Amen.

Today is Stewardship Sunday

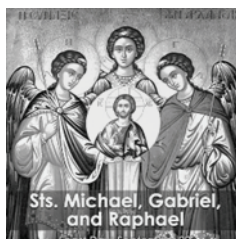


Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. Stewardship Sunday, an annual

occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. On Stewardship Sunday we will be sharing a special homily by Archbishop Francis Leo meant to help us prayerfully reflect on our lives as stewards. Please watch this homily by Archbishop Francis Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others in your parish community...and beyond! See: <https://shorturl.at/YRMgN>

Monday, September 29 is Feast of the Sts.

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Mass will be at 7:00 pm.



Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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How to create your own legacy
About our Catholic traditions

around cremation, burials and funerals

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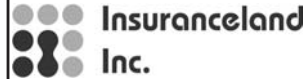
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