

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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

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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, October 5

4:30 pm (vigil) For the Past & Present Benefactors & Volunteers of SVDP

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am + Pezzelato Deceased Family Members

12:15 pm + Arturo Rivera

Monday, October 6 No Mass

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 am + Michael Joseph Hynes

7:00 pm Kanan Rodrigues (I) Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 8

7:00 pm + Joao & Irene De Sequeira

Thursday, October 9

8:00 am + Maria Alcantara

Friday, October 10

8:00 am + Art MacDonald

Saturday, October 11

9:00 am + Michael & Marion Cunningham
Family Deceased Members

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Bad Bishops.

What points in common are there between the easy religion of this day, and the religion of St. Athanasius, or St. Chrysostom? How do the two agree, except that the name of Christianity is given to both of them? — Cardinal Newman

Many years ago, as I was finding my way back into the Church, a major obstacle was the apparent lack of faith among Catholic bishops. Their attitude to historic Catholic doctrines was that, while they might remain 'officially' on the books, they could be ignored and would soon be quietly discarded. There seemed to be little difference between the Catholic Church and the liberal mainline Protestant denominations. Only the Evangelical Protestants exhibited any real vibrant Christian faith.

One of the books that I read at the time was *Does Catholicism Still Exist?* by Fr. James Schall, S.J. The book posed a question that I was anxious to find an answer to. The key word in the title is 'still.' Did the Catholic Church *still* hold to the same faith as Athanasius and Chrysostom? Or that of Augustine and Teresa of Avila and Newman?

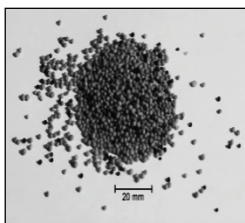
Thankfully, there were some exemplars of faith that helped me to answer that question in the affirmative. Foremost among them was Cardinal John O'Connor (Archbishop of New York) and Pope John Paul II. There could be no doubt about the genuineness of their faith. At that time I was not aware of Mother Angelica, otherwise she would have certainly been at the top of my list.

It was also at this time that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* was published, which put an end to my concerns about doctrine. All those things about which we had been told 'the Church no longer teaches that' were there, printed in black and white, with footnotes and citations.

I wish that I could say that the intervening three decades have seen a great uptick in adherence to the Catholic faith among prominent bishops and Cardinals. It is truly a grave disappointment when those in positions of power and authority in the Church show a lack of belief in fundamental Christian doctrine, preferring 'the easy religion of this day.' It is a continuing scandal that Cardinal Tucho Fernandez has not yet been fired from his position as head of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, a position held with distinction by Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI).

The situation is bad but not all bad. There has been a huge advance in faith and devotion among Church-going Catholics. We can point to some amazing, faith-filled Bishops: the heroic former Bishop of Hong Kong, Cardinal Zen, and Cardinal Robert Sarah. My faith, however, is not dependent on the goodness or badness of men wearing miters. My faith is securely founded on Christ, and on the witness of the Apostles and Saints.

27th Sun in Ordinary Time – October 05, 2025



"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A.

Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 12 October 2025

Twenty- Eight Sunday in OT
Cultivating Generous Gratitude

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

REMINDER: LIFE CHAIN 2025

"Abortion Hurts Women" at hundreds of locations from coast to coast. Please set aside just one hour TODAY from 2:00 - 3:00 pm to gather together at [Danforth & Victoria Park]. Everyone is welcome to join.



OCTOBER 5, 2025



Prayer for Grace through Our Lady of the Rosary



Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Mass at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

O Father, we humbly seek Your grace through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. May her gentle guidance lead us closer to You, filling our hearts with peace and strength. Help us to meditate on the mysteries of faith, that we may grow in love and compassion.

Grant us the courage to share Your light with the world. Amen. All are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary and attend Mass as we come together in faith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2025

The Children's Liturgy meetings will continue this *Sunday, October 05*, during the **10:30 am Mass**.

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

Reminder that next weekend October 12 no class due to Thanksgiving long weekend.



First Holy Communion 2025



Classes continues this Sunday October 05 in the church hall at 10:30 am.

Parents' Reminder: We kindly encourage you to guide your children in learning the basic prayers, especially the *Act of Contrition*, as part of their growing faith. **Parents and**

candidate are invited to take part in weekly Mass as part of the program. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Confirmation 2025

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been distributed to the schools. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please visit the parish office during office hours.



Reminder: Parents and Candidates meeting will be on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

Mass Attendance Survey 2025

This survey requested by Archdiocese is intended to provide an accurate profile of 'Mass Attendance' for all parish and mission communities. It will be done during all the weekend Masses and over two weekends – *October 18/19 and 25/26* – and it will involve a number of ushers and volunteers doing a 'head count' in every section of the church at the start of the homily. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Thank you for your co-operation in this exercise

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

Pope Prayer Intention for October 2025



For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2025

For the 111th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, the theme announced by His Holiness is "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope."

In his message, Pope Leo highlights the resilience of migrants and refugees who give witness to hope amidst very difficult circumstances.

He reminds us that those who welcome migrants and refugees can also reflect this same hope. His messages ends with a call to entrust all those who journey, and all those accompany them to the protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants.



World Food Day, October 16, 2025

The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgement of the nations, "*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and gave me something to drink...*"

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