

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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416-424-2111

Legion of Mary - Praesidium - every Sat. @ 10:00 a.m.

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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, December 7

4:30 pm (vigil) + Rene & Cecile Dumas
 9:00 am People of the Parish
 10:30 am + Ortega Fam. Living & Dec. Members
 12:15 pm + Richard Sarabia

Monday, December 8

7:00 pm + Albert Adams

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am + Richard Sarabia

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 pm + Willi Tsenring

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am Raymund Bernardez (I)

Friday, December 12

8:00 am Adolf Scherz in Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Saturday, December 13

9:00 am + Gordon Ford

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Cantare la Messa e non cantare durante la Messa.

What must be sung is the Mass, not 'something', no matter how appropriate. To replace the texts of the Mass with songs is to cheat the people. Liturgical chant involves not merely melody, but words, text, thought and the sentiments that the poetry and music contain. Thus texts must be those of the Mass, not others. Singing means singing the Mass, not singing during Mass. — *Consilium*, Notitiae 5, 406 [1969].

'Active participation' is the most important principle of the reformed liturgy; it is also the most misunderstood. All the emphasis is laid on 'active' without considering the meaning of 'participation,' which the Cambridge Dictionary defines simply as 'taking part in an activity.'

Later this month, Massey Hall is presenting a sing-along Handel's 'Messiah.' For those who attend, 'participation' means singing the Messiah, not something else. Similarly, participation in the Mass means singing the Mass, not something else. Hymns are fine. Praise and worship songs are fine. But they are not the Mass. When we sing hymns we are participating in hymn-singing. We participate in the Mass when we sing the Mass.

There are three books that dictate what is said or sung at each celebration of the Mass: the book on the Altar is the Roman Missal; the book for the readers is the Lectionary; the third book is the Gradual, which contains the parts of the Mass to be sung by the choir. In the Sunday Missal you will notice the Entrance and Communion Antiphons; these are the English translations of the Latin chants in the Gradual; these are the 'texts of the Mass.'

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal gives two options for the entrance procession: 'the antiphon (chant) with its Psalm from the Gradual' or 'another chant whose text has been approved by the Conference of Bishops.' You can argue that the CBW III contains 'other approved chants' if you stretch the meaning of 'chant' to mean 'whatever.'

The chants in the Gradual are not sung *during* the Mass, they *are* the Mass. Next Sunday is known as 'Gaudete Sunday' because the chant for the entrance procession is 'Gaudete in Domino' — 'Let us rejoice in the Lord.' The entrance today is 'Populus Sion' — 'O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations.' That is the Mass. That is what we should be singing.

I have a memo issued by the Archdiocese in the 1960's on the chants for the Mass. It says that because there are *as yet* no musical settings for the Gradual chants in English, *as a temporary measure*, hymns can be substituted. More than fifty years later, this 'temporary measure' has become the norm; there is still no English version of the Gradual. So, except when we do a Latin chant, we will be 'singing during the Mass' rather than 'singing the Mass.'

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 07, 2025

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.



Next Week Readings – 14 December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

God himself will come and save us

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 08, 2025

6:00 pm Holy Hour & Rosary

7:00 pm Evening Mass

All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Also, Friday, Dec. 12 is the Feast of

Lady of Guadalupe Mass is at 8:00 am.



DECEMBER 7, 2025



Children Liturgy & First Holy Communion 2025



This Sunday is the *final class/meeting* for the candidates this year. Classes will resume in **January 11, 2026**. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and fruitful New Year.

Parents are encourage to continue teaching your children the basic prayers particularly the Act of Contrition.

Confirmation 2025

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are available at church office. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please visit the parish during office hours. *Classes will start on Sat., January 10, 2026 in the church hall at 1:15 pm.*



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



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program – a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for anyone wishing to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith –

Final class for continues in our parish this **Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 1:30 pm after the 12:15 pm Mass.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2025

The annual **SOCK DRIVE** by the Knights of Columbus continues throughout the four weeks of Advent. The **CHRISTMAS raffles** are also on sale at the back of the church selling for \$5.00 each. Tickets will be draw on Sunday, December 21 after the 12:15 pm Mass. *Thank you for supporting these charitable initiatives.*



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2026



The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2026 are ready for pick up! Registered parishioners are encouraged to notify the Church office

of any changes to their contact information. New parishioners are encouraged to register and request donations envelopes so that they can receive a tax receipt for their Sunday offering. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We welcome offerings in support of the supply of Christmas flower pots to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope at the steps of the Fatima Shrine, fill in the requested information and your donation envelope number [if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt], seal envelope with your offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine or hand it in at the office. *Thank you very much.*



The Christmas Collection for St.

Vincent de Paul is this weekend. *We count on your*

generosity for the people in need in our community.

Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION" in all parishes is on December 14 to 20, 2025

'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church:
During Advent we are invited to prepare for Christmas by praying and reflecting.



Wednesday, Dec. 17

5:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Saturday, Dec. 20

3:30 pm – 4:20 pm

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Presents: Rejoice, be glad
...God is with us!**

**Christmas Novena Prayers
Songs, Masses & Fellowship
For Parish Families
All are welcome.**

**Daily from
Monday, December 15 to Tuesday,
December 23, 2025**



**Christmas Bake Sale
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Church Basement after each Mass
December 14 at 10:am, 11:30 am
& 1:15 pm**

**Cookies, Cakes, Brownies, Coffee & Tea &
More**

All Proceeds goes to Church Renovations.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Usual Mass times

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:00 am & Saturday 9:00 am.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Holy Hour begin at 6:00pm)

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

Christmas Novena Masses

(In addition to the regularly scheduled Mass)

- (1) Monday, December 15, 7:00 pm
- (2) Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 pm
- (3) Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 pm (with regular Mass)
- (4) Thursday, December 18, 7:00 pm
- (5) Friday, December 19, 7:00 pm
- (6) Saturday, December 20, 4:30 pm (with regular Mass)
- (7) Sunday, December 21, 12:15 pm (with regular Mass)
- (8) Monday, December 22, 7:00 pm
- (9) Tuesday, December 23, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24th

No morning Mass

6:00 pm — 9:00 pm — 12:00 midnight

(Carols begin half hour before each Mass)

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm (Mass for Christmas's Day)

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st

Holy Mass 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st

9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:15 pm

The Parish Office will be closed on December 26 and January 2.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year!

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