

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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, December 14
 4:30 pm (vigil) + Rosemarie Kimberly
 9:00 am + Joao & Irene De Sequeira
 10:30 am People of the Parish
 12:15 pm Caporusso & Trentadue Family (I)

Monday, December 15
7:00 pm Novena 1

Tuesday, December 16
 8:00 am Leona Sombilon (Thanksgiving)
7:00 pm Novena 2

Wednesday, December 17
7:00 pm Novena 3

Thursday, December 18
 8:00 am + Anton Emmanuel
7:00 pm Novena 4

Friday, December 19
 8:00 am Thevakumar & Rajinie (Thanksgiving)
7:00 pm Novena 5

Saturday, December 20
 9:00 am Janina Scherz (I)
 4:30 pm +Rev. John Govan, S.J.
Novena 6 Mass TBA

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

We can do better.

What earlier generations held as sacred remains sacred and great for us too and it cannot, all of a sudden, be forbidden or even considered harmful. A community is calling into question its very being when it declares that what was, until now, its holiest and highest possession is strictly forbidden, and when it makes the longing for it seem downright indecent. Can it be trusted any more about anything else? — Pope Benedict XVI.

In October I attended the annual priests’ seminar. Mass was celebrated every day in one of the large conference rooms. One would think that a Mass celebrated by a roomful of priests, with bishops and cardinals presiding, would be exemplary; but such is not the case. I am aware that we have room for improvement in this parish, but how is it that a congregation of priests (!) can’t sing the *Kyrie*? Or throw in a bit of Latin for the *Gloria, Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*? Or use the Roman Canon?

My niece speaks French fluently, but in grade school she put on an awful English accent so as not to stand out from the other children. I get the feeling that many priests are similarly embarrassed to celebrate Mass reverently. There is a kind of reverse snobbery in doing things badly, as if this was an act of humility. The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle said, “A gentleman should be able to play the flute — but not too well!”

Pope Leo, in a meeting with the leaders of Eastern Rite Catholic Churches, praised them for their fidelity to their traditional liturgies:

The Church needs you! We have great need to recover the sense of mystery that remains alive in your liturgies. It is vital that you preserve your traditions without attenuating them for the sake perhaps of practicality or convenience, lest they be corrupted by the mentality of consumerism and utilitarianism.

The Second Vatican Council declared that “holy Mother Church holds all lawfully acknowledged rites to be of equal right and dignity; she wishes to preserve them in the future and to foster them in every way.” The Pope is to be applauded for expressing his appreciation of the traditional Eastern rites. But where is the appreciation of our own traditional Roman rite?

How can we praise the East for *preserving* tradition while *banning* it in the West? How can we say that we care about ‘attenuation’ when the current Roman rite includes three ‘Masses with Children’ which are so appallingly attenuated, i.e., dumbed down, that no priest in his right mind would think of using them? The fact that they are valid does not make them any less awful.

We can, and we should, do better.

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 14, 2025

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? 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/www.vocationstorento.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.



Next Week Readings – 21 December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Look, the virgin is with child
1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14
2nd Reading: Romans 1.1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

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



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!

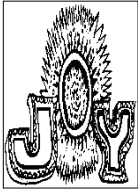
Christmas Novena Prayers Songs, Masses & Fellowship For Parish Families. All are welcome.



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

INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2026

The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague Will this year be Celebrated in the evening Mass Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. .



Thank you very much from ... ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

to all parishioners for your generous support to the GIFT OFFERING in church during Advent. God reward you abundantly for your generosity!

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2026

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2026 are prepared and 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.

Christmas Day 2025 & New Year's 2026 Schedules

Wednesday, December 24 Family Mass at 6:00 pm Holy Mass Christmas Eve at 9:00 pm Holy Mass Midnight Mass at 12:00 am Holy Mass Thursday, December 25 at 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm Holy Mass December 26 Regular Scheduled is followed Thursday to Tuesday, December 30 Wed., December 31 New Year's Eve at Vigil Mass is at 7:00 pm Holy Mass & Midnight Mass Thurs, January 01 New Year's Day at 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm Holy Mass First Friday of the year January 02, 2026 Regular Scheduled is followed The Parish Office is closed on all Statutory holidays! December 26th & January 02nd .

A SPECIAL REMINDER

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

in all Masses, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day ... your Christmas Gift to the Parish! Thank you!



Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?



Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated?

Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household!

Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools

Registrations in the schools start January 21, 2026 at 10.00 am. Parents with children born in 2022 or earlier who will be enrolling in Kindergarten have the opportunity to apply on-line using the Student



On-line Admission and Registration platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: http://spar.tcdsb.org. The on-line application offers access to translations in different languages, 24 hours a day, and with built-in help functions and features. For more details contact the school office.

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