

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## PASTOR:

Rev. Fr. Alan Glass

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## 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.**

## SCHOOLS:

*Our Lady of Fatima School*

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

*St. Joachim's School*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

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."!**



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, January 11

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Paul Bowers  
 9:00 am + Frank Vandersteen  
 10:30 am Abuel Family (Thanksgiving)  
 12:15 pm People of the Parish

#### Monday, January 12

No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am + James Castellino

#### Wednesday, January 14

7:00 pm Betty Debono & Family (I)

#### Thursday, January 15

8:00 am + Christie Emmanuel

#### Friday, January 16

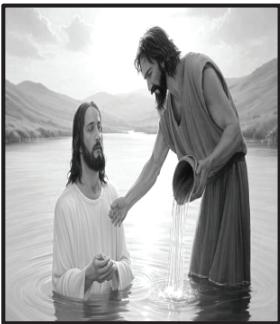
8:00 am + Ramon Villamater

#### Saturday, January 17

9:00 am + Jim Feeney

### The Baptism of the Lord – 11 January 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) or call Rev. Alan Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org).



### Next Week Readings – 18 January 2026

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Playing our Part in the Church

**1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3,5-6**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3**

**Gospel: John 1.29-34**

The Lamb of God

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



### INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2026

*The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm.  
 All are welcome to attend.*

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

*The strange absence of the Holy Spirit.*

The liturgical movement of the 19th and 20th centuries expressed some longstanding concerns about the Roman Canon, namely the strange absence of the Holy Spirit, and that its literary structure was less than cohesive. After the Second Vatican Council the decision to have the Canon recited aloud in the vernacular raised a question: Was the Roman Canon suitable at every Mass? The view prevailed that it would be burdensome for priests and people alike, and so new Eucharistic Prayers were composed. — Fr. Raymond de Souza

Fr. de Souza is a priest of the Kingston Diocese who writes frequently on popular Catholic platforms. He is both intelligent and articulate. He recently wrote an article for *The Catholic Thing* on the ‘unexplored treasures of the Roman Missal.’ In particular he expressed his appreciation for the rarely used Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation. Since I agree with Fr. de Souza on most things it is odd that we should differ in our views on liturgy.

Every liturgical expert will tell you that it is a hard and fast rule that every Eucharistic Prayer (EP) must have an *epiclesis*, a ‘calling down’ of the Holy Spirit. Thus the frequently used EP II: “make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by *sending down your Spirit* upon them like the dewfall”; or EP III: “*by the same Spirit* graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration.” The Roman Canon lacks an *epiclesis*, thus Fr. de Souza’s comment on ‘the strange absence of the Holy Spirit.’

We were taught in the Seminary, in line with the wisdom of the experts, that the Roman Canon (EP I) was deficient, that it lacked cohesion, and its use was discouraged. Since I happened to like the Roman Canon, which has been the soul of the Latin rite for 1600 years, I decided to put it to the test. Since my ordination I have celebrated Mass around 9000 times, give or take. Except for two occasions when I celebrated Mass with a sign language interpreter, I have used the Roman Canon. My appreciation of it has only deepened over the years. Its ‘literary structure’ beautifully balances the two litanies of the Saints with the words of consecration at the center of prayer. In contrast, the commonly used EP II and EP III both launch into the consecration with barely a pause after the *Sanctus*, or rather the ‘Holy, Holy,’ since Latin would be out of place.

The committees of experts who composed the new Eucharistic Prayers may have done a good job; I am not saying that they didn’t. And it may have seemed ‘strange’ to them that the traditional Mass does not have an *epiclesis*. But the way I see it, if the Roman Canon does not conform to the ‘rules’ of the experts, then it is the experts who are wrong, not the Canon.



JANUARY 11, 2026



## First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will resume this *Sunday January 11, 2026 in the church hall at 10:30 am.*

Parents' Reminder: *First Confession is on Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 pm.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will also continue their meetings this *Sunday, January 11, during the 10:30 am Mass.* All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.



## Confirmation 2025-2026

First Confession schedule is on *Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm.*

Next class is on *Sat. February 2, 2026 at 1:15 pm in the church hall.* Candidates are to participate the 4:30 pm Holy Mass after each sessions. Please follow given schedule.

## 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 – classes continues in our parish this *Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm after the 12:15 pm Mass.* Thank you

## St. Vincent De Paul Collection for 2026

We wish to inform parishioners that we will commence a monthly collection in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society first collection will be next *Sunday, January 18, 2026.* These contributions will assist the poor and vulnerable within our community. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support of this important outreach.



## Are you new in the parish?

Please consider registering with us. Visit or phone the parish office at 416-



757-2806, for more information. Also, *Donation Envelopes that are not pick – up kindly call the office so that we can put them aside for you.* Thank you.

## DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2026

This is the final weekend for parishioners to pick up their box of donation envelopes for 2026 from the back of the church. They will then be available from the parish office. Boxes still uncollected by mid-February will be recycled and registration restricted or cancelled.



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

This weekend *Saturday & Sunday January 10-11*, we will welcome our special guest Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing **"Handicraft Holy Land Christians"**, who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem



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*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* —Mark 1:9-11



## Baptism of the Lord

Merciful God, as we gather in the spirit of prayer and reflection, we come before you with humble hearts to commemorate the sacred moment of the baptism of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Bless those who enter into the life of faith, becoming part of your mystical body. May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live as true disciples of Christ, imitating His love, compassion and selflessness. Wash away our sins, O Lord, and make us worthy to stand in your presence. Amen.

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