

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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

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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, January 18

4:30 pm (vigil) People of the Parish
 9:00 am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
 10:30 am + Martha Pingol
 12:15 pm + Danilo Icatar

Monday, January 19

No Mass

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 am + Rosario Rodolfo

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 pm + Joao & Irene De Sequeira

Thursday, January 22

8:00 am + Tina Antao

Friday, January 23

8:00 am + Florrie Armstrong

Saturday, January 24

9:00 am + Tina Antao

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

How can I keep from singing?

The first poets sang their words to the harp or to some such instrument, and that is why poetry differs from prose. The moment you introduce music you change everything, even the natural order of words. The language of verse will be keyed higher than the language of prose, even for its most ordinary purposes. Though the harp is superseded, the voice never forgets it. — Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch

It is not often that I have the opportunity to see how Mass is celebrated in other places. In my recent visit with family in Ottawa I concelebrated weekday Mass at the local parish. What stood out for me was the absence of chant: nothing was sung except the Alleluia before the Gospel. I had forgotten that in most parishes this is normal, and what we do here at Fatima is exceptional.

It ought not to be! The parts of the Mass are meant to be sung — they are, first and foremost, *chants*. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states:

There is an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over." Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation. The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council emphasizes the importance of singing:

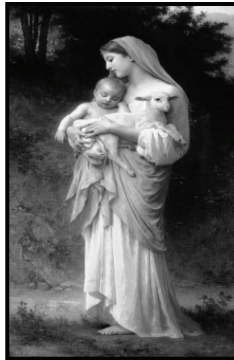
The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy.

Now, the Instruction concedes that at times singing may not be possible. For example, we may not have a cantor to sing the Psalm, or I may lose my voice and not be able to sing the Preface. And if a Pastor personally prefers that the liturgical chants be recited rather than sung he is still within the guidelines. Nevertheless, it is self-evident that what is *meant* to be sung *ought* to be sung.

The faithful have a right to have Mass celebrated according to the Roman Missal, but the Missal offers many equally valid options from which the celebrant is free to choose. And it is not necessary that the chants be sung. But as the old-time hymn has it: "The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; all things are mine since I am his — how can I keep from singing?"

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -18 January 2026

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister 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 – 25 January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heeding the Call of Christ

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13

Gospel: Matthew: 4.12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry & Calls
the First Disciples

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

There is a second collection –
THE FUEL OFFERING –

on weekend of **January 24/25**
 during all Masses. The recent cold
 weather has increased our fuel bills. This is a once yearly collection
 [in the heart of winter] when heating is imperative!

Your generous support is greatly appreciated.





First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will continue this *Sunday January 18, 25 & February 01, 08, 2026 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents are encourage to attend weekly Mass.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will also continue their meetings this *Sunday, January 18 & 25, during the 10:30 am Mass.* All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.

Confirmation 2025-2026



Classes continues on Saturday, February 07, 2026 at 1:15 pm. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings listed in the class schedule given out to all with the application forms. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory.

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 18, & 25 2026 at 1:30 pm after the 12:15 pm Mass. Thank you*

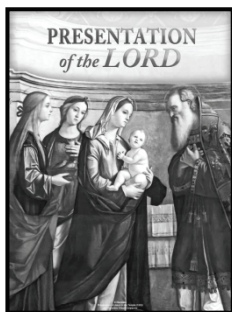


TAX RECEIPTS 2025

We are currently processing the tax receipt and will be submitted for printing this week. Mailing is expected to occur beginning on January 24 with a target date of February 10th for all the parishioners to receive their tax receipts in hand. If you have any questions, feel free to email taxreceipt@archtoronto.org. Thank you for your support throughout the year! May God reward you for your generosity.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Candlemas



The traditional blessing of candles will take place on **Monday, February 02, 2026 at 7:00 pm.**

A table will be place in front of the sanctuary and all are encouraged to bring your own candle or you may purchase them at the back of the church.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate.

Feast of St. Blaise 2026 - Blessing of the Throat Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Mass will be at 8:00 am.



“Through the Intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, May God deliver you from Ailments of the Throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Fathe, and the of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

World Day for Consecrated Life 2026

Will be Celebrated in the Church on *Sunday, February 2, 2026*, and in parishes over the weekend of **January 31 - February 1.** Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



For those who are called to the consecrated life, may they be faithful witnesses of God's love. May others be inspired to live their baptismal commitment by professing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We pray to the Lord...

A Celebration of Marriage in the

Archdiocese of Toronto



As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, **Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass** to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

(65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

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