

# 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."!**



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 8

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Romaldina & Joseph Goutinho  
9:00 am + Joan McManus  
10:30 am People of the Parish  
12:15 pm + Pedro & Erlinda Echavarre

### Monday, February 9

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am Lawrence Fraginal (Thanksgiving)

### Wednesday, February 11

7:00 pm Gabriel Micah Sequeira

### Thursday, February 12

8:00 am + James Boyd

### Friday, February 13

8:00 am Rolly & Veronica Anicoche (Thanksgiving)

### Saturday, February 14

9:00 am + Aziel D'Silva

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

#### What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?

We may divide religions, as we do soups, into "thick" and "clear." By thick I mean those which have ecstasies and mysteries and local attachments: By clear I mean those that are philosophical, ethical, and universalizing. Now if there is a true religion, it must be both thick and clear. — C. S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

The ancient Greek and Roman religions were rich in mythology. Those stories of the gods are still part of our collective imagination, but they have no reality. Greek and Roman philosophy was an entirely different thing. Aristotle saw the world in terms of natural cause and effect. This fundamental insight is the basis of all modern science, but there is no place for many gods in this worldview. Logically, there has to be one ultimate cause of everything, a non-personal 'First Cause.'

The 2<sup>nd</sup> century Christian writer, Tertullian, famously asked, "What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?" Pope Benedict XVI answered this question in his impressive 'Regensburg Lecture,' in which he reflected on what should be a self-evident proposition: 'Not to act in accordance with reason is contrary to God's nature.' He answers the question, "Is this merely an idea from Greek philosophy, or is it always and intrinsically true?"

St. John began the prologue of his Gospel with the words: "In the beginning was the *Logos*." *Logos* means both reason and word — a reason which is creative and capable of self-communication, precisely as reason. St. Paul, in a dream, saw a Macedonian man plead with him: "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" This vision can be interpreted as a "distillation" of the intrinsic necessity of a convergence of Biblical faith and Greek inquiry.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) was a brilliant scientist (the metric unit for pressure in the *Pascal*) who had a profound religious experience. He wrote his immediate impressions on a scrap of paper which he carried with him for the rest of his life: "Fire! God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and of the intellectuals. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace. God of Jesus Christ!"

Pascal had a 'road to Damascus' moment of vivid awareness of a God who was exceedingly more than a nebulous 'Supreme Being.' He did not, however, abandon scientific reasoning. As Pope John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Fides et Ratio*:

Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that, by knowing and loving God, we may also come to the fullness of truth about ourselves.

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 08 February 2026



Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org).

### Next Week Readings – 15 February 2026

Sixth Sunday in OT

Going the Extra Mile

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 15.15-20**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37**

Various Teachings of Jesus

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

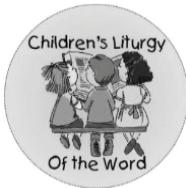
### Ash Wednesday Collection



The collection received on Ash Wednesday will be designated to support upcoming church renovations. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy**

No class this Sunday due to Family long weekend will continue on *Sunday February 22, 2026 in the church hall at 10:30 am.*  
**Parents are encourage to attend weekly Mass.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

No meeting this *Sunday, meetings will resume next Sunday Feb. 22*, during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.

**Confirmation 2025-2026**

*Next meeting will be on Saturday, March 07, 2026 at 1:15 pm. Candidates are asked to attend Ash Wednesday service on February 18, 2026.*



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 next **Sunday, February 22 2026** at 1:30 pm after the **12:15 pm Mass**.



*The Rite of Election is to be held on the second Sunday of Lent for our candidates to journey decisively into the catholic faith. On Sunday February 22, 2026, at 2:30 pm, at St. Barnabas Parish, 10 Washburn Way, Scarborough*

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick – Wednesday, February 11**

To celebrate this special day of prayer for the sick our evening devotions start at 6:00 pm Holy Hour as usual and these will include the Rosary offered for the sick and Holy Mass.



*Jesus told his followers that they would be judged on whether they visited the sick – (Matthew 25.36 43)*

**Next Monday February 16, 2026 is ....**

**FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

**No Mass office and church are closed.**

*You don't choose your family.*

*They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.*

**Schedule on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026****Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

- 8:00 am Holy Mass with the blessings distribution of Ashes
- 9:30 am St. Joachim School Liturgy and distribution of Ashes
- 12:30 pm Our Lady of Fatima School Liturgy and distribution of Ashes
- 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Holy Hour & Confessions
- 7:00 pm Holy Mass with the blessings & distribution of Ashes

**Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Blessed Ash Wednesday.**

**Ash Wednesday Prayer 2026**

*Heavenly Father, as I begin this holy season*

*of Lent, I come before You in humility and truth.*

*You formed me from the dust of the earth and breathed into me the breath of life. Yet I confess that I have often turned away from You, placing my trust in myself rather than in Your mercy. As I receive these ashes, help me remember who I am and who You are. Create in me a clean heart, O Lord. Teach me to walk the path of repentance, not with fear, but with hope. May this season draw me closer to You through prayer, sacrifice, and love for others. Strengthen me to turn away from sin and to choose what leads to life. Renew my spirit, heal what is broken within me, and prepare my heart for the joy of Easter.*

**Bereavement Ministry Formation and Training**

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for bereavement ministry will be offered online on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2026, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026> by February 23, 2026.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026**

Join us on **Saturday, March 14** from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at the **Metro Toronto Convention**



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