

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

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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, February 15

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Ken Richard
 9:00 am People of the Parish
 10:30 am + Adelaida & Nemencio Esmas
 12:15 pm + Thomas Mukkath

Monday, February 16

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 am Michael Debono (I)

Wednesday, February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am + Angel Rodrigues
 7:00 pm Xyryl Kim Fernandes (I)

Thursday, February 19

8:00 am + Alejandro & Joel Becero

Friday, February 20

8:00 am + Louis, Mary & John King

Saturday, February 21

9:00 am + Kelly P. O'Connor

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Parachuting into Lent.

The season of 'Septuagesima', the three Sundays before Lent, arose in the first place as an expression of the devotion of the faithful. This is key. Lent is a time of obligatory fasting and penance. Septuagesima, on the other hand, is a short season through which the devotion of the faithful impels them to prepare mentally, physically and spiritually for Lent. The Church has, since the sixth century, encouraged and assisted the faithful in this preparation by appointing special Masses for this season that mark off the time remaining until both Lent and Easter. — Dr. Lauren Pristas

In the Traditional Latin Rite today is the final Sunday in the pre-Lenten season of 'Septuagesima.' In the reform of the liturgy following the Second Vatican Council this liturgical season was eliminated. One of the participants in the reform recalled the words of the Pope Paul VI:

On one occasion he compared the sequence of Septuagesima, Lent, Holy Week and Easter Triduum, to the bells calling people to Sunday Mass. The ringing of them an hour, a half-hour, fifteen and five minutes before the time of Mass has a psychological effect and prepares the faithful materially and spiritually for the celebration of the liturgy.

Given the importance of Lent as a penitential season, the elimination of Septuagesima has created a pastoral problem. As one liturgist noted: "We now find ourselves 'parachuted' straight into Lent on Ash Wednesday with no preparation whatsoever."

As Dr. Pristas has also noted:

The absence of any liturgical preparation for Lent ignores something about human nature that the liturgy had always taken into account: the need to be ready. In consequence, even those who attend Mass daily can find themselves, year after year, surprised by Lent.

Every Catholic is required during Lent to fast, to pray, and to give alms. We are free to choose how best to do these things, taking into account limitations of age and health. These things are discretionary but not optional. Plan to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening. Tee-up some good spiritual reading. If we are to make this season of Lent spiritually fruitful, we need to make firm resolutions beforehand.

After being baptized by his cousin John, Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days. That is the model of our Lenten observance. For the next six weeks we will be preparing ourselves spiritually for the commemoration of Holy Week and Easter. We cannot fully experience the joy of Easter without knowing the weight of the cross. If we are serious about our faith we need to actually prepare for Lent.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 February 2026

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as 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 – 22 February 2026

First Sunday of Lent- Fasting and Feasting

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25;3.17++

2nd Reading: Roman 5.12-19 or 5.12-17-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

St. Vincent de Paul Collection



Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place this Sunday **February 15**. Donation envelopes may be included with the regular Sunday collection. Your continued generosity in support of those in need is sincerely appreciated. Thank you.



Schedule for 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

“Let us begin Lent with a renewed spirit of prayer,
fasting and charity” *St. John Paul II*

*A friendly reminder that we have
Ash Wednesday Collection today.*

Every Friday during Lent ...

8:00 am Morning Mass

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Every Saturday in Lent ...

9:00 am Morning Mass

3:30 pm Reconciliation/Confessions

4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.



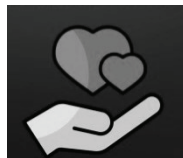
Three Ways to Prepare for Lent:

Go to Confession

Lent is about conversion of heart, and confession clears the slate. May parishes offer extra confession times before Ash Wednesday, it's a powerful way to enter Lent spiritually reset.

Plan your fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving

Decide ahead of time what you'll give up or take on (food, habits, screen time). How you'll observe fasting abstinence, and how you'll give to the poor like money, time, or service. Lent works best when it's intentional.



Pray and choose a Lenten focus



Spend time asking God what He's inviting you to this Lent. May it's deeper prayer, patience, detachment from distractions, or charity. Picking a clear intention helps your fasting and sacrifices have real purpose.

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

First Holy Communion 2026



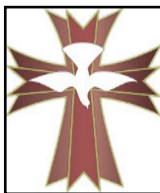
No class today will continue next *Sunday February 22, 2026 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents are encouraged to attend weekly Mass.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will also continue their meetings next *Sunday February 22, 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, March 07, 2026 at 1:15 pm. Candidates are asked to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm Mass.



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.

Tax Receipt Notice:

There has been a delay and an error with the tax receipts mailed so far. Anyone who has already received a tax receipt is asked to disregard them.

Parishioners awaiting receipts are kindly asked to wait a little longer. Corrected receipts are expected to arrive on or before March 2. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program–will continue classes in our parish this **Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 1:30 pm after the 12:15 pm Mass.**



Catholic Charities Scholarships & Community Service Awards

If you know a young person discerning their path, or someone in our community whose generosity and compassion shine through their daily actions, consider encouraging them to apply or nominating them for an award.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting applications for its **2026 Scholarships** and nominations for the **Michael Fullan Community Service Awards**. These opportunities support students and recognize individuals who reflect the Gospel call to serve others. **Deadline: April 30, 2026.** For details and eligibility, visit www.ccat.ca/scholarships. Or contact: kquan@ccat.ca or 416-934-3401. ax Receipt



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