

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

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### *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)

## 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 22
4:30 pm (vigil) People of the Parish
9:00 am + Agnes & Danny Gomes
10:30 am Josephine & Tony Ortega (Thanksgiving)
12:15 pm Magdalena & Family (Thanksgiving)
Monday, February 23
No Mass
Tuesday, February 24
8:00 am + Alexia Mae Salud
Wednesday, February 25
7:00 pm Josephine & Family (Thanksgiving)
Thursday, February 26
8:00 am Kizzy Adams (Thanksgiving)
Friday, February 27
8:00 am + Dolores Magtuba
Saturday, February 28
9:00 am + Kelly P. O'Connor

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Lent — making a good start.

Lent has now begun with the observance of Ash Wednesday, “to begin with holy fasts the exercises of Christian warfare, that as we do battle with the spirits of evil, we may be protected by the help of self-denial.”

St. John the Evangelist warns us against “love of the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.” During Lent we take this warning to heart. For the next six weeks we will step back from our hectic pursuit of worldly things and re-orient ourselves to God.

Jesus gave us the example. Just as he was forty days in the desert, confronting head-on the wiles of Satan and the temptations of the world, so we too enter a spiritual desert. Lent is given to us as a sacred season of conversion and renewal — a time to break free from the habits of sin and to acquire habits of virtue, above all the habit of prayer.

God wants to fill us abundantly with the gifts of his grace but we need to make room to receive them. St. Augustine in a homily 1500 years ago spoke of this:

The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. Suppose you are going to fill some container, and you know you will be given a large amount, then you set about enlarging the container. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it and your eyes tell you there is not enough room. By expanding it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the container. Such is our Christian life. By desiring heaven we exercise the powers of our soul. So, my brethren, let us expand our hearts. Let us continue to desire, for then we shall be filled.

God’s love is unconditional. The gifts of God’s grace are freely given to all who desire them — but they have to be desired. There has to be a hunger for that which only God can give. We receive in proportion to our desire. Let us then increase our desire.

In the second Preface of Lent we offer this prayer: For you, Father, have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

Lent is a time to free ourselves from our bondage to whatever holds us back in our relationship with God. It is a time to empty ourselves so that we may be filled.

All the prayers of the Church during this time help us to do this. Each Sunday the readings and prayers of the Mass are all directed to this one end — to express our desire for conversion and spiritual renewal. All our devotional practices, especially the Stations of the Cross, are intended to expand our hearts to receive all the abundant graces that God wants to give us.

1st Sunday of Lent – 22 February 2026



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him 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 – 01 March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent
Becoming like God

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

The Transfiguration

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



At all Masses next weekend ... March 01, 2026

... there will be a second collection at all of the weekend’s Masses for the RENOVATION FUND.

We are very grateful for your generosity!



### First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will resume this *Sunday February 22 & March 01, 08 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, February 22*, during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.



### Baptism Preparation for February 2026



A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for baptism, will take place *on Friday, February 27 2026 at 6:00 pm* in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on *Saturday, March 07, 2026 at 10:30 am.*

### Lenten Reflection with Sacred Art

All are invited to attend an online Lenten reflection using works of sacred art and the Via Matris. Mr. Les Miller, author of Northern Lights, will lead the reflection. The event takes place on Wednesday, February 25 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost, but registration is required. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026> CONTACT: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or 437-900-4287

### Confirmation 2025-2026

*Next class will be on Saturday, March 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. Thank you.

### 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, February 22, March 01, 08, & 15 2026 at 1:30 pm** after the 12:15 pm Mass.

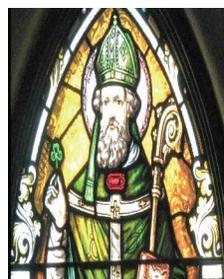
*Rite of Election is this Sunday at St. Barnabas Parish 2:30 pm celebrates by Bishop Vincent Nguyen.*

### Pope Monthly Intention for March 2026 For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



### Annual Mass of St. Patrick 2026



The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on **Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.** His Eminence **Thomas Cardinal Collins**, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at

[www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live).

### 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.**

### Volunteers Needed



Our Lady of Fatima Shrine warmly welcomes parishioners who are committed to share their God-given talents and time as volunteers in our church, particularly as **Greeters and Ushers**. The ministry needs volunteers for the **Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sundays: 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. masses**. Ministers will be at the

back of the church or entrances after each mass this **Sunday, March 01, 2026** for registration and/or for more information.



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