

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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

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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, March 1

4:30 pm (vigil) Punzalan Family (Thanksgiving)

9:00 am + Yolanda Cortez

10:30 am Guisepina Povolo & Family (I)

12:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, March 2

No Mass

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am Magdalena Lule (I)

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 pm + Dionicia Abiertas

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am Helping Hands (I)

Friday, March 6 – Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm + Louise Middleton

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am + Stephanie Rengal

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

At a meeting of bishops we were exploring topics for a future Synod. Turning to Scripture for inspiration, we came across the passage in Mark’s Gospel that sums up the theme of Jesus’ message and thus the theme for every form of evangelization: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: Repent and believe in the Gospel.” — Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *The Divine Project*.

We heard those words from the Gospel when ashes were imposed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a ‘penitential’ season, a time for deeper conversion, a time to turn away from sin, to curb our passions and appetites, and to turn towards God.

Pope Benedict recalls being surprised by the comments of one bishop at that pre-synodal meeting:

For a while, our discussion became a sort of Bible study of that text. Then one of the bishops said something that really moved me, something that has stayed with me since then, etched in my memory. He said that we have been taking that message of Jesus and leaving out the part that comes before ‘believe in the Gospel.’ We have lacked the courage to profess the prophetic message “Repent!” Almost no one is willing to proclaim this elementary call of the Gospel to our age, this call by which the Lord wants us to recognize that each one of us is a sinner in need of repentance.

Last Sunday the first reading was from the third chapter of Genesis in which God tells Adam and Eve: ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’

God is not threatening Adam and Eve that he will punish them if they disobey his instruction; he is warning them that the fruit of that tree is poisonous. We need to understand this about sin. Sin is not bad because it is an infraction of one of God’s rules. Sin is bad because it is poison to the soul. God does not have to punish us for our sins because the sin carries within itself its own punishment.

In his encyclical on the moral life, *Veritatis Splendor*, Pope John Paul II quotes my good Saint, St. Augustine:

The beginning of freedom is to be free from serious sins such as murder, adultery, fornication, theft, fraud, sacrilege and so forth. When once one is without these sins (and every Christian should be without them), one begins to lift up one’s head towards freedom. But this is only the beginning of freedom, not perfect freedom.

Repentance is freedom. It is the removal from our lives of all that obscures within us the image and likeness of God. This can be a painful experience, but as the Psalmist says, ‘Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!’

2nd Sunday of Lent – 01 March 2026

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God’s Will for our life. 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 – 08 March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Living in the Living Waters

1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42

Jesus and the Samaritan woman

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



**At all Masses this 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 continue this *Sunday 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 weekly meetings this *Sunday, March 01, during the 10:30 am Mass.* All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.

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



Stations of the Cross



Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm
8:00 am Morning Mass
March 06 Mass (No Morning Mass First Friday)
Marc 13, 20, 27, and Good Friday
We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

World Day of Prayer 2026

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the First Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christians responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women Inter- Church Council of Canada and its counterpart around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. This year (2026), the writing committee is WDP Nigeria: "I Will Give You Rest: Come" Matthew 11:28-30. More info regarding this event will follow.



Lenten Reflection Talk 2026



By: Rev. Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD, on Saturday, 28 March 2026 At 3170 St. Clair Ave. East Scarborough, ON MIL 1V6 Mass is 9:00 am, talk is 9:30 am.

All parishioners are warmly invited to a Lenten Reflection on preparing for a deeper understanding and living of the spirit of Holy

Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Join us as we prepare our hearts and deepen our faith during this sacred season. All are welcome to attend!

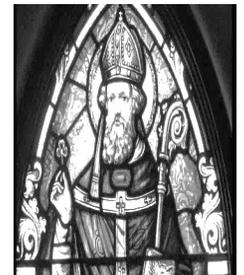
Volunteers Needed



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, Ushers, and Counters.** 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.

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.



"The Great and Holy Fast in the Byzantine Tradition"



A talk and discussion with **Rev. Fr. Michael Bombak** will take place on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 8:00 PM** at **Elmsley Hall, University of St. Michael's College.**

The evening will be preceded by the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 6:30 PM** at **St. Sophia Chapel.** The talk will provide an overview of Lenten services in the Byzantine tradition and their meaning. Registration is available online.

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