

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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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, March 8
4:30 pm (vigil)+ Aura Maria Vallejos Tello
9:00 am + Agnes & Danny Gomes
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:15 pm + Selwyn Mukkath
Monday, March 9
No Mass
Tuesday, March 10
8:00 am + Max Josef Bucher
Wednesday, March 11
7:00 pm + Caporusso & Trentadue Dec Mem. Fam.
Thursday, March 12
8:00 am + Ida Glass
Friday, March 13
8:00 am + Luz Nenita
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 14
9:00 am + John Colaco

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

That which we have seen with our eyes.

Sitting beside Jacob's well, looking up at Mt. Gerizim which lies opposite, one realizes that St. John must have been an eye-witness of Jesus' meeting here with the Samaritan woman. There are little touches in the narrative which show that it was written by someone who was here. Some critics take issue with Jesus' words, "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." They say that it was too early in the year for the grain to be ripe. But as I sat by Jacob's well a crowd of Arabs came along the road, their white garments shining in the sun. Perhaps Jesus, in speaking of the harvest, was pointing to the white-robed Samaritans who were coming to hear his words. — H. V. Morton, In the Steps of the Master (1934).

One of the things that I look forward to each Lent is the series of readings from St. John's Gospel: the Samaritan woman at the well; the man born blind; and the raising of Lazarus. These are not mere stories; these are the eye-witness accounts of the 'beloved disciple.'

In the Seminary, it was pointed out to us naive students that there is a difference between 'bible study' and 'scripture scholarship.' The difference is similar to the two ways of interacting with a great work of art, say Vermeer's famous 'Girl with a Pearl Earring.' On the one hand you can gaze at the picture and contemplate the feelings that it invokes; or you can investigate the types of canvas and paint that were used, and how it fits into the development of Dutch society in the 17th century. Perhaps, on closer examination, you may determine that the earring is not a pearl at all, but metallic.

In the same way, 'scripture scholarship' is not interested in the meaning of Scripture; it is interested in the mechanics of how it came to be written. On examination, scholars may determine that St. John's Gospel was not written by the beloved disciple at all, but rather by another person, John the Elder, or perhaps it was a collective effort by 'the Johannine community' (Ioannes being the Greek form of John). There is an old saying: the wise man points at the moon; the fool looks at the finger. Disciples are interested in 'the moon'; scholars are interested in 'the finger.'

That is not to say the scholarship is useless. It can indeed provide helpful insights for our better understanding of Scripture. But as Marshall McLuhan pointed out: "Insofar as scholarship is a theoretical construct, it is a game that can be played equally with any oriental religion: it has no more relevance to Christianity than to Hinduism."

As we listen to the words of the Gospel, let us keep in mind that St. John is recounting "that which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands."

3rd Sunday of Lent – 08 March 2026

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
True Recovery of Sight

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41

True Recovery of Sight

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

St. Vincent de Paul Collection



The next St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place next Sunday March 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.



### Lenten Reflection Talk 2026



**By: Rev. Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD,**  
on Saturday, 28 March 2026  
At 3170 St. Clair Ave. East  
Scarborough, ON M1L 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!*

### First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will continue this *Sunday, March 08* before the March break 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, March 8* during the 10:30 am Mass. All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to participate.



### Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2026 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



### ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF B.V.M. AND PATRON OF CANADA



On Thursday, March 19, Solemn Feast day of Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, morning Mass is at 8.00 am. Holy hour and devotions start at 5:30 pm. Solemn Mass follows at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

### ShareLife Turns 50: Announcing the 2026 ShareLife Campaign



2026 marks the 50th anniversary of ShareLife. As we approach our *first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 22*, let us come together in celebration and compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- uplift young mothers and their babies
- enable more men to pursue priestly vocations
- connect seniors with dignity-affirming resources
- fight against hunger in our communities
- help families in times of need

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Confirmation 2025-2026

*Candidates are encourage to attend the Lenten services. Next class will be on Saturday, April 11, 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 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 13  
March 20  
March 27, and Good Friday  
*We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.*

### Planned Giving – Bequests to Our Parish



A bequest in your Will is a meaningful way to return to God a portion of the blessings you have received. Consider including our parish or other charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto in your estate planning. Bequests are not only for the wealthy—every gift can make a lasting impact and reflect your Catholic values. For more information, including an estate planning guide and a list of Catholic advisors, please contact: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

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