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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
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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

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 (except First Friday)	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday (Devotion & Rosary, 6:00 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.
First Friday (1 Mass) (Holy Hour & Devotion 6:00 p.m.)	7:00 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.

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

We welcome you to **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH** aand 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."!**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 15
4:30 pm (vigil) + Aida & Benito Abuel
9:00 am + Joel & Adelfa Villaflor
10:30 am Madeleine Madjou Epse Djangoue (I)
12:15 pm People of the Parish
Monday, March 16
No Mass
Tuesday, March 17
8:00 am +Jose Bobby Abarabar
Wednesday, March 18
7:00 pm + Valerian Godinho
Thursday, March 19
8:00 am Josephine Ortega (Thanksgiving)
7:00 pm Fr. Glass Intentions
Friday, March 20
8:00 am + Ruben Caluya Sr.
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 21
9:00 am Gary, Kirk, Kanan Rodrigues

4th Sunday of Lent – 15 March 2026

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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 – 22 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Raising from Death to life
1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11
Gospel: John 11.1-45
The Raising of Lazarus
Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Our St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place this 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.

Guest post by Br. Andrew Edirimanasinghe:

Laetare, Jerusalem — Rejoice, O Jerusalem

> This Fourth Sunday of Lent is permeated with a joy which attenuates the penitential atmosphere of this holy season. The expectation of Easter gives us a foretaste of the joy of the encounter with the Risen Christ. — Pope Benedict XVI

Rejoice, O Jerusalm! With these words from Isaiah, the Church ushers in Laetare Sunday. Amid Lent's penitential journey, the Church calls her children to rejoice. The violet of penitence gives way briefly to rose vestments, a gentle light breaking through the austerity. This Sunday reminds us our Lenten pilgrimage is hopeful as Easter draws near.

Like travellers who have walked long through a barren land, we pause today to breathe and look ahead. The Church gives us a brief refreshment for the heart so we can continue our Lenten journey with renewed hope and courage.

The Scriptures often describe the spiritual life as a passage through the desert. In the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy, the people of Israel walked through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. For the Israelites, the desert was a place of testing, purification, and trust. Just as the desert tested and purified, our Lenten journey calls us to endure trials and to rely on God's providence rather than our own strength.

The Carmelite tradition beautifully contemplates this inner journey. St. John of the Cross once wrote: "The soul is like a deer wounded by love, searching for the waters that will heal it." In the desert of penance, the soul longs for water, and today the Church lets us hear the sound of hidden springs. As Teresa of Avila reminds us, "The Lord does not lead souls through dryness except to bring them to deeper springs." The desert is not empty; beneath the sand, there are hidden springs. Even in the midst of dryness, grace quietly flows, drawing the soul forward toward the living water that alone can satisfy its thirst.

Where do we find these living waters? Above all in the Eucharist, the bread given for the journey. Pope Benedict XVI also reminds us: "The liturgy today invites us to rejoice because Easter is approaching. The Eucharist is the spiritual food for our journey on earth." Just as God fed Israel with manna in the wilderness, so Christ nourishes His Church with Himself, the Bread of Life. In the midst of the Lenten desert, the Eucharist becomes our oasis, strengthening us to continue forward with renewed hope.

The journey through the desert is never without purpose. God forms His people through patience, testing, and trust, leading them step by step toward the promised joy that lies ahead. As the Lord reminds Israel in the Book of Deuteronomy: "The Lord took you by the long way, to test you, to humble you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commands, to do you good in the end."

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 **6:00 pm**. Solemn Mass follows at **7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy

& CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There are no classes for First Holy Communion and Children Liturgy due to March break and Holy Week. Classes will resume on ***Sunday April 12 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents are encourage to participate weekly Mass especially during the Holy Week.***

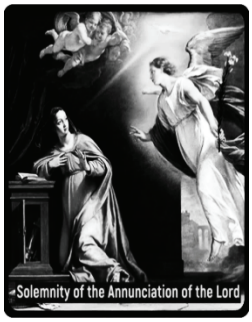
Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm
March 20
March 27, and Good Friday
We adore you, O Christ and we bless you. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Annunciation of the Lord 2026

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.
On Wednesday March 25
- Holy Hour 6:00 pm
- Mass at 7:00 pm

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"
The Gospel of St Luke 1:38



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.

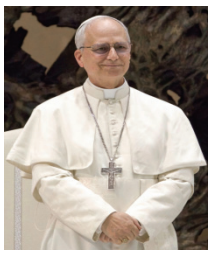
All parishioners are warmly invited to a Lenten Reflection on preparing for a deeper understanding and living of the spirit of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Join us as we prepare our hearts and deepen our faith during this sacred season. All are welcome to attend!

Sharelife 2026

You can help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is [$45, 000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Prayer for World Peace



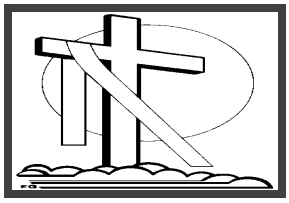
In response to the ongoing wars in the world, the Holy Father invites the faithful to unite in prayer for peace. All are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Please join in praying the ***Our Father three times and the Hail Mary three times***, asking God to send the Holy Spirit upon the world and guide leaders toward peace and love.

Most Holy Trinity, Almighty God, Precious Blood of Christ, destroy Satan and nullify and paralyze the plots of those who control the whole world. Immaculate Heart of Mary, destroy Satan and nullify and paralyze the plots of those who control the whole world. Saint Michael the Archangel, bind Satan and nullify and paralyze the plots of those who control the whole world. Amen!

INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2025-2026

Novena 1- Wed. **Apr. 22** at 6:00 pm
Novena 2- Wed. **May 27** at 6:00 pm
Novena 3- Wed. **Jun. 24** at 6:00 pm
Novena 4- Wed. **Jul. 22** at 6:00 pm
Novena 5- Wed. **Aug. 26** at 6:00 pm
Novena 6- Wed. **Sept. 23** at 6:00pm
Novena 7 -Wed. **Oct. 28** at 6:00 pm
Novena 8- Wed. **Nov. 25** at 6:00 pm
Novena 9- Wed. **Dec. 16** at 6:00 pm

The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 13, 2026.



Triduum Schedule for 2026

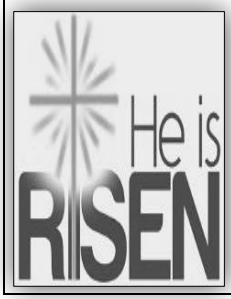
April 02		**No morning Mass**
Holy Thursday	**7:30 pm**	**Mass of the Lord's Supper**
April 03	**Day of Fasting and Abstinence**	
Good Friday	**12:00 noon**	**Celebration of the Lord's Passion [1]**
	3:00 pm	**Celebration of the Lord's Passion [2]**
	7:00 pm	**Stations of the Cross**
April 04		**No Morning Mass**
Holy Saturday	**12:00 pm**	**Blessings of Easter Food**
	8:30 pm	**Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**
April 05	**9:00 am** **10:30 am** **12:15 pm**	**Easter Day** **Sunday Masses** **THE LORD IS RISEN – ALLELUJAH! ALLELUJAH!**

Confessions/Reconciliation

Confessions will be available on:

Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

& **Saturday, March 28 at 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm**.



The Office is closed from Good Friday
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- both days inclusive -

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