

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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## SCHOOLS:

### *Our Lady of Fatima School*

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

### *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, March 22

4:30 pm (vigil) Guiseppina Povolo & Family  
 9:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:30 am Arlie Curesma (I)  
 12:15 pm Christopher Singhroy (I)

### Monday, March 23

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am Michael Debono (I)

### Wednesday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 pm + Julie Dacosta

### Thursday, March 26

8:00 am + Carmena Carthew

### Friday, March 27

8:00 am Ruperto Fraginal (Thanksgiving)

### Saturday, March 28

9:00 am + Adrian & Helen Vaz

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

### *Lazarus, come forth!*

When Jesus received the news of Lazarus' illness, his disciples tried to dissuade him from going to Judea, lest the Jews should kill him. Their apprehension was fulfilled. He went to raise Lazarus, and the fame of that miracle was the immediate cause of his arrest and crucifixion. He saw the prospect beforehand: he saw Lazarus raised; the Jews crowding not only to see him, but Lazarus; his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the Pharisees plotting against him; Judas betraying him; his friends deserting him; and the cross receiving him. Christ was bringing life to the dead by his own death; Lazarus was to live and he to die. — J. H. Newman, *Parochial and Plain Sermons*.

All of Jesus' life on earth leads to the cross. On Mount Tabor, Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah about 'his exodus (departure) which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.' The Second Person of the Trinity became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary in order to suffer and die on a cross as our atoning sacrifice. It was destined that this must take place in Jerusalem at the Passover. Everything that Jesus does has this end in view.

For most of his ministry, Jesus is careful not to openly reveal himself as the Messiah. At Caesarea Philippi 'he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.' Yet, as we come closer to the final confrontation with the religious authorities, his true nature can no longer be hidden.

Jesus performed many miracles throughout his public ministry, but the raising of Lazarus stands out because it panicked the Jewish authorities: "The chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin, and said, 'What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him.' So from that day on they planned to put him to death."

Next Sunday we will commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. His disciples must have been thrilled as they accompanied him amid the hosannas of the people. When the Pharisees complained about the ruckus, Jesus told them, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." This must have seemed the high point of Jesus' career.

The authorities then try to arrest him when he is in the Temple teaching, but they cannot, on account of the crowds. Later that week, when the disciples are dining with Jesus in the upper room, they have no inkling that he will be betrayed by one of their own and that, before the next sunset, his body will be laid in a tomb. But Jesus knew.

When the sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus that 'he whom you love is ill,' Jesus told his disciples, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

## 5th Sunday of Lent – 22 March 2026

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org).



## Next Week Readings – 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday – Passion of the Lord,

Procession Gospel: Mt 21.1-11 – *Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem*

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14–27.66

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

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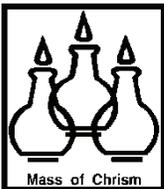




### Holy Triduum Schedule 2026

April 02 <i>Holy Thursday</i>		No morning Mass
	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 03 <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b>	
	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 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	12:00 pm	Blessings of Easter Food
	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 05 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm	<b>Easter Day Sunday Masses</b> The Lord is Risen – Allelujah! Allelujah!
<b>The Office is closed from Holy Thursday (half day only), Good Friday (April 03) to Easter Monday (April 06) both days inclusive.</b>		

### MASS OF CHRISM 2026



Our Archbishop – His Emm. Francis Leo – will celebrate the MASS OF CHRISM with all the priests of the archdiocese on *Tuesday, March 31 at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11.00 am.*

The Holy Oils – blessed during this Mass – will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from Easter.

*Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.*

### First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will resume on *Sunday April 12 in the church hall at 10:30 am.*



Parents are encouraged to bring the candidates and participate for Holy Week services. Thank you.

### Confirmation 2025-2026



The next class will be on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.** Candidates are strongly encouraged to participate in the **Holy Week services**—Palm Sunday,

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday—either at our parish or another church. Thank you.

### Easter Flowers 2026

We welcome Easter Flowers offerings to support for the purchase of Easter flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the coming Easter celebration. Kindly pick up an envelope, and fill in the requested information [including your regular envelope number, if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt].



### Archdiocese - Lenten Day of Confessions on March 22 to 28, 2026



In our church please see schedule below:

*Wed., March 25, 2026 at 5:30pm to 6:40 pm*  
*Sat., March 28, 2026 at 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm.*

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament of God's mercy, a sacrament of healing.**

### ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years

#### ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

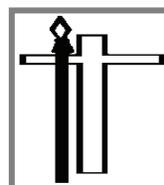
Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife.



Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage. Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen. Our goal of [\$45,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Good Friday Collection

#### Needs of the Church in the Holy Land!



The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintain the Holy

Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the *Good Friday celebration April 3, 2026*. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use credit cards, interact, or Canadahelps, accessible at [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca) in the "Support Us" link. *Please let us be generous.*

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