

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

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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

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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

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."!*



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29

- 4:30 pm (vigil) + Jarae Mendoza
9:00 am + Carmelo Villardo
10:30 am + Josephine Lind
12:15 pm People of the Parish

Holy Monday, March 30

No Mass

Holy Tuesday, March 31

- 8:00 am + Roland Sia

Holy Wednesday, April 1

- 7:00 pm + Conseca Gacoscosim

Holy Thursday, April 2

- 8:00 am +Ronald Norman Henry

Holy Friday, April 3

- 12:00 pm 1st - Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
3:00 pm 2nd - Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
7:00 Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil April 4

- 12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food
8:30 pm (vigil) People of the Parish

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Eli, eli lema sabachthani?

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. — Matthew 27:55

A little while ago a friend mentioned that one of his favorite passages of Scripture is Jesus' words, "I am not alone." I have read through the Gospels many times, but I had to look it up:

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Each year on Palm Sunday, we hear Jesus' plaintive cry from cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" These are the first words of Psalm 22:

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? All who see me mock me — 'He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him.' They have pierced my hands and feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Jesus' suffering was real. His feeling of abandonment was exceedingly real. But the words that he cries out are not words of despair. They are the words of a Psalm which begins under terrible affliction but ends with exultation:

I will tell of your name to my brothers. In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord. For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard when he cried to him.

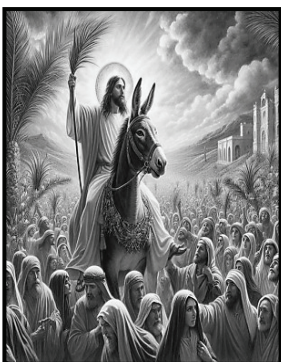
St. Thomas More, imprisoned and awaiting imminent execution, meditated on 'the sadness of Christ':

Jesus chose to experience the passions of our frail humanity and to suffer them with terrible intensity. He chose to experience not only the pain of torture in his body, but also the most bitter feelings of sadness, fear and weariness in his mind.

Despite his extreme physical and mental anguish, Jesus was not alone. Though unseen and unfelt, the Father was with him. Jesus is proclaiming, with the words of Psalm 22, that his death on the cross is not the end of the story; rather, it leads to the glory of the resurrection.

Luke says that a jeering crowd surrounded the cross and 'all those who knew him stood at a distance.' But Jesus' mother stood at the foot of the cross with 'the beloved disciple' and Mary Magdalene. Love overcoming fear, at the end, these did not scatter; they did not leave him alone.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



29 March 2026

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact 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

Easter Sunday - Christ is Risen

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18++

The Resurrection of Jesus

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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



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>	Day of Fasting and Abstinence	
	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	Easter Day Sunday Masses The Lord is Risen – Allelujah! Allelujah!
	10:30 am	
	12:15 pm	
The Office is closed from Holy Thursday (half day only), Good Friday (April 03) to Easter Monday (April 06) both days inclusive.		

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.

Pope Monthly Intention for April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Blessing of Easter Food

Holy Saturday, April 04, 12:00 noon

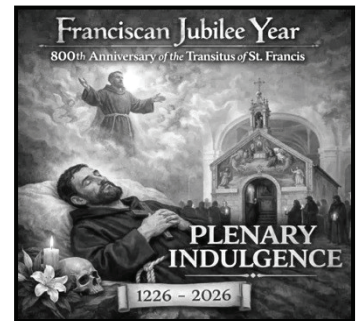


It is an Eastern European tradition to have a sample of the Easter Sunday meal blessed in the Church. Fr. Glass will do a short service of blessing on Holy Saturday. Do come and share in this beloved custom with our parish

family, or make this the start of a new Easter tradition with your own family, relatives, and friends!

Celebrating the Special Jubilee of St. Francis

The Archdiocese invites the faithful to celebrate the special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV. This Holy Year, running from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027, commemorates the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis. Parishioners are



encouraged to deepen their faith through prayer, reflection, and visiting designated pilgrimage churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto. Let us follow the example of St. Francis by growing in charity, peace, and holiness.

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION

Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The indulgence may be obtained by visiting a church dedicated to **St. Francis of Assisi** or a Franciscan place of worship and spending time in prayer and reflection. All are encouraged to follow the example of St. Francis in living a life of charity, peace, and holiness.

Northern Region

- St. Francis Centre, Orangeville
- St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Washago
- St. Peter's Parish, Woodbridge

Central Region

- Immaculate Conception, Toronto
- St. Bonaventure, Toronto
- St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto

Western Region

- Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Toronto
- St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga
- St. Jane Frances, North York
- St. Philip Neri, North York

*Blessed Holy Week,
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this Lenten season. Fast...Pray...Repent.*

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