

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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PARISH GROUPS:

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline) 416-757-9561

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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

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, April 12

4:30 pm (vigil) People of the Parish

9:00 am + Fr. Terence Edmund Gallagher

10:30 am + Zacarias Mercado

12:15 pm Theresa Bapora & Family (Thanksgiving)

Monday, April 13

No Mass

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am Noel Celemen for Healing

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 pm + Vito Caporusso Jr.

Thursday, April 16

8:00 am + Norma Salvadora Chavez de Flores

Friday, April 17

8:00 am Betty & Michael Debono (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am + Albert Adams

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Non peona, sed causa.

Everything that happens in life is permitted by God and is solely for our good. Our loving Father permits these painful circumstances to help us grow in virtue. We must accept all from his hands, simply repeating, *Dominus est: It is the Lord.* — Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, *Divine Intimacy.*

Many years ago, I was part of a small Bible study group. As we were reading and discussing the Book of Job, which is a meditation on why good people suffer, we were joined by a young couple who were somewhat scandalized that we were talking about suffering. “Shouldn’t we,” they said, “claim the promises?”

That is the first time that I had heard that phrase. This is how one Protestant ministry defines it:

God’s promises are his divine guarantees, covering everything from provision and protection to peace and salvation. They are not just words but covenants sealed by His faithfulness. Unlike human promises that can be broken, God’s promises are unshakable, eternal, and always fulfilled in his timing is always perfect. When God speaks a promise, it is as good as done!

Ask and you shall receive! The ‘prosperity Gospel’ is an attractive message for many people. Who does not want to be rich? But that is not what Jesus said. He said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

There is also the contrary position of making an idol of suffering. There is, however, nothing good about suffering; nothing good at all. Yes, God permits it, but he hates it. People say that God can draw good out of evil. No he can’t! No more than he can draw light out of darkness.

St. John of the Cross, at a time when he was enduring grave disappointments, wrote: “Where there is no love, put love in, and you will draw love out.” God shines his light into the darkness, and his grace shines forth in the midst of suffering.

We rightly venerate the great saints who suffered for the faith, but as my good Saint Augustine says: “*Non facit martyrem poena, sed causa* — it is not the suffering that makes the martyr, but the cause. In the same fire, straw smokes and gold gleams.” Of itself, the suffering of Jesus on the cross had no value. The love with which Jesus willingly accepted suffering is of infinite value.

A good friend of mine has just been diagnosed with an aggressive and incurable cancer. Like many people of deep faith, in the face of similar circumstances, she is not angry or despondent. She is gleaming. In this life we will all find suffering. There is no way around it. The question is, are we going to smoke like straw or gleam like gold?



“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God’s call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997 or Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or

email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2.14, 22 b -28

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel: Luke 24-13-35

Sharing our Burning Hearts

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

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



The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 13, 2027.



First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy

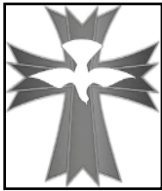


Classes will resume this **Sunday April 12 in the church hall at 10:30 am.**



Second Confession is schedule on **Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm.** There are only a few meetings remaining before the big event. Kindly make an effort to attend remaining classes. Thank you.

Confirmation 2025-2026



The next class will be on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.**

Important Dates to remember:

Confession is on **Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 pm.** Rehearsal with the sponsor is on **Saturday, April 18 at 2:30 pm.**

Confirmation Mass is on Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 pm.

World Day of Prayer 2026

Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate the **World Day of Prayer on Saturday, April 25, from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.** The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement celebrated annually in



over 170 countries, bringing Christians of many traditions together in a spirit of prayer, reflection, and unity. Each year, the service is prepared by women from a different country, offering a unique opportunity to learn about their culture, faith, and daily struggles. This year's theme, **"I Will Give You Rest"** (*Matthew 11:28-30*), has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. Through scripture, prayer, and song, we are invited to reflect on God's invitation to find rest and hope in Him, especially amid the challenges of life. The gathering will include a prayer service, reflections, and fellowship. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and take part in this meaningful celebration of faith and global Christian solidarity. All are welcome! Please include Nigerian people in your prayers.

Congratulation Newly Ordained Priest!



We joyfully congratulate the newly ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have generously said "yes" to God's call. Their journeys of faith, prayer, and perseverance are a beautiful witness to the power of God's grace at work

in their lives. We warmly invite our parish community to keep them in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry. May the Lord bless them abundantly as they serve His people with love, humility, and dedication.

BUNDLE UP time this weekend!

St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle UP" collection is on **Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19**

Spring cleaning in action! Help us to share with those in need from our community. Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, drapery, towels, new toys. Some of your donations left from the bazaar are already a great beginning. The truck/bin will be in the church parking lot and **open Saturday and Sunday before and after masses.** Volunteers will be present to help with the loading. Unfortunately, we cannot accept furniture, dishes, books, videos, CD. Thank you for your support and God Bless.

Archdiocese of Toronto - Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-25, 2026)



We joyfully celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week and give thanks for all who generously serve our parish. This year's theme, **"When I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' Here I am... send me!"** (*Isaiah 6:8*), reminds us of our call to

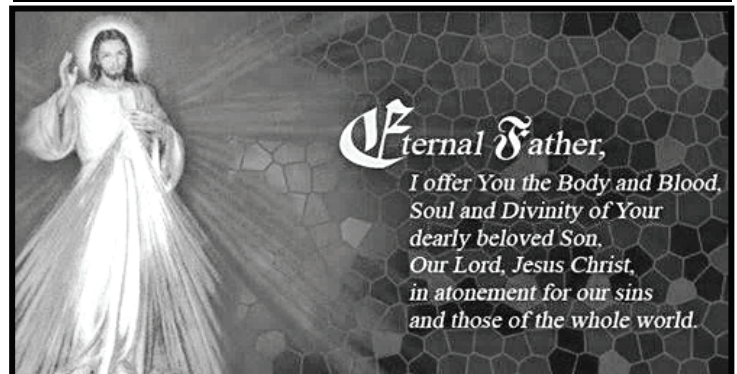
serve with faith and love. We encourage everyone to thank our volunteers and consider sharing your own gifts in service to others.

A Day With Mary 2026



You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions,

a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from **April 8 until May 15:** <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.



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