

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

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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 19

4:30 pm (vigil) + Jacqueline Lobo

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am + Margarita Jovero Martinez

12:15 pm Marc Hughes (Thanksgiving)

Monday, April 20

No Mass

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 am + Ireneo Echavarre

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 pm Alexander Aguada (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, April 23

8:00 am + Perlita Rivera

Friday, April 24

8:00 am + Anita Marivelez

Saturday, April 25

9:00 am + All Victims of the Tumbler Ridge
Mass Shooting in BC

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

We are not created for comfort.

One of the brothers visited Abba Isaiah. The Abba washed his feet, put a handful of lentils into the pot, and brought them to him as soon as they had boiled. The brother said to him, "Abba, these lentils are not cooked." The old man replied, "Is it not enough simply to have seen the fire? That alone is great consolation."

— *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

When my little niece was beginning to learn to play the piano it was a great thing for her to pick out 'Twinkle, twinkle' on the keys. That is how we all begin, but if after five years of practice she was still only playing 'Twinkle, twinkle,' something would be dreadfully wrong. We all begin at the beginning, but we all ought to make progress.

It is the same with regard to our spiritual life. It is not enough 'to have seen the fire', that is, to be Baptized and Confirmed and to come to Mass when it is convenient. The Christian life is one of continual progress in discipleship. We cannot remain mere beginners in our faith, never progressing beyond 'Twinkle, twinkle.'

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus speaks sternly to the church in Laodicea: "Would that you were either cold or hot! Because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth." As Pope John Paul II wrote in his encyclical at the beginning of the new millennium:

All the Christian faithful are called to the fullness of the Christian life. It would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity [lukewarm-ness], marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow religiosity. The time has come to re-propose wholeheartedly to everyone this high standard of ordinary Christian living.

To that same church in Laodicea Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." The invitation is there. Again, as Pope John Paul said at the start of his pontificate, "Do not be afraid! Open wide the door to Christ!" There is nothing to fear and everything to gain. So what is holding us back?

Pope Benedict, at the beginning of his own pontificate, addressed a group of pilgrims:

Christ did not promise us a comfortable life. If you want comfort, you've come to the wrong place. But he shows us the way to the great, to the good, to authentic human life. When he says 'take up your cross' he invokes the power of love which breaks out of itself, which opens man to the service of truth, of justice, and of goodness. Christ shows us God and thus the true greatness of man.

As disciples of Christ, we cannot stand still. If we are not advancing, we are falling behind. Jesus is calling us to be more than mediocre Christians, like uncooked lentils.

3rd Sunday of Easter – 19 April 2026

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, 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 – 26 April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

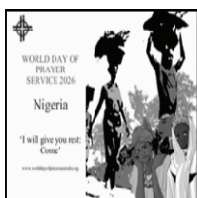
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b -25

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Receiving and Sharing Merciful Love

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

World Day of Prayer 2026



You 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*. All are welcome! Please include Nigerian people in your prayers.



BUNDLE UP time this weekend!

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

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.

First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will continue this **Sunday April 19th and 26th in the church hall at 10:30 am. Rehearsal is schedule for Saturday May 02 at 10:00 am.**



Parents are encouraged to bring the candidates and participate Holy Mass. Thank you.

Confirmation 2025-2026



Confirmation Mass is **Sunday April 26th at 2:30 pm.** Candidates are asked to arrive 15 minutes early. You may proceed down the church hall for gown and assemble with your sponsor. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families.

Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR (CLS)

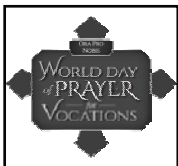
Start – Saturday, April 18 – May 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

An integrated course to renewed understanding of God's call to us, Christians. Focuses on: One's commitment to God and experiencing the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Renewed commitment to Christian family life. Revitalize Christian community life your parish. You will listen to a talk based on scriptures by ordinary lay persons just like you and me and how it affected/change their lives. Group discussions, prayers and faith sharing. Learn and sing Christian songs. No fees or any monetary expense for participants. Only investment require is time and openness. Open to all Christians adults, single or married. *For more information, please contact Ed & Beth Zapanta at 647-335-1935.*



World Day of Prayer Vocations

Next Sunday April 26, 2026 is World day of Prayer for Vocations.



"On this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God." ~Pope Francis

ShareLife 2026

Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life. Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life. You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach. ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Neophyte Mass 2026



Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the Archdiocese who will have been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church this Easter. **The Mass will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto.** The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Neophytes and their guests will be assured of reserved seating by registering by Monday, May 11. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026.



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