

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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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

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

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 26
4:30 pm (vigil) All Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am + Dozi Alexoupoulou
12:15 pm +Grazia Rigano
2:30 pm Confirmation Mass
Monday, April 27 No Mass
Tuesday, April 28
8:00 am Jamaica Mendoza & Family(Thanksgiving)
Wednesday, April 29
7:00 pm + Rosa Rico Guatieri
Thursday, April 30
8:00 am + Ranji Selvanayagam
Friday, May 01
7:00 pm + Agnes & Danny Gomes
Saturday, May 02
9:00 am Baker Family (Thanksgiving)

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The singing-masters.

Listen to what the Holy Spirit says in the psalm: "Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise in the assembly of the saints." But you ask what praise to sing. The answer is in you, the singers yourselves. If you desire to praise the Lord, then live what you express. Live good lives and you yourselves will be his praise. — St. Augustine

It is always a joy to find a good book. An exceptionally good one is The Singing-Masters by the English Dominican Fr. Aidan Nichols. This is an introduction to some of the important Fathers of the Church, eight from the Greek East and eight from the Latin West. The book's title is taken from a poem by W. B. Yeats: "O sages standing in God's holy fire, as in the gold mosaic of a wall, come from the holy fire and be the singing-masters of my soul."

The first of the Church Fathers whom he writes about is my good saint Irenaeus, who grew up in the East as a disciple of St. Polycarp, but was martyred as the Bishop of Lyons in the West. Some of the other Fathers have long been familiar to me, such as Athanasius and Augustine. It was a pleasure, however, to be introduced to some whom I knew less well, such as Cyril of Alexandria, John of Damascus and Denys the Areopagite.

St. Augustine, in the quote above, tells the congregation of his Church that they themselves are the song of praise to the Lord. The Church Fathers, then, are truly singing-masters. They instruct us, first of all, by the example of their holy lives, but also by their writings which continue to be a treasured possession of the Church.

Somehow we assume that the human race has developed greater intelligence over the course of time, but that is not the case. It is true that we have accumulated a vast amount of knowledge, but we are no smarter than our ancestors who did the hard work of acquiring that knowledge in the first place. The ancient Greek philosopher Eratosthenes of Cyrene was smart enough to accurately calculate the diameter of the earth in the third century B. C.! According to the 12th-century philosopher, Bernard of Chartres: "We are like dwarves standing on the shoulders of giants. We are thus able to see more and farther than they did. This is not at all because of the acuteness of our sight, but because we are elevated by their magnitude."

What can we learn from St. Irenaeus, who lived more than eighteen centuries ago? His knowledge of the physical sciences was certainly limited, but as Fr. Nichols writes: One cannot dispute the importance of Irenaeus' place in the exposition of biblical revelation, which is the proper role of a 'Father' in the providentially guided history of the Church. No less important is the inspirational power of his teaching for the spiritual life of the faithful, which makes him a 'singing-master.'

4th Sunday of Easter – 26 April 2026



The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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 ofatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 03 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14-1-12

Receiving and Sharing Merciful Love

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

Pope Monthly Intention for May 2026



That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Prayer for Vocations 2026

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more... and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Final meeting this Sunday April 26 in the church hall at 10:30 am. *Rehearsal is schedule next Saturday May 02 at 10:00 am. First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday, May 03 at 2:30*

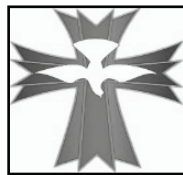
pm. Kindly arrive 30 minutes early and proceed to church hall for gown and assembly.



Final meeting for Children Liturgy will be on Sunday May 10, 2026. Have a wonderful break.

Confirmation 2025-2026

Join us this *Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m.* as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our candidates will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and renewed in their faith.



We offer our sincere gratitude to Rwanthi and Danuta for their faithful guidance and commitment in preparing our candidates. We also thank our choir for leading us in prayer through their beautiful music.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey as disciples of Christ. All are welcome.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026**



Novena of Holy Masses for the Spiritual needs starts *on Monday, May 4.* Please see bulletin boards & website: www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org

for schedules. All Fatima devotees and parishioners are invited to join in all these services. The three messages or 'secrets' of Fatima stress the importance of repentance, conversion of heart and dedication

of Our Lady, especially through daily prayer of the Rosary.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Thanks BUNDLE UP time is over!
Clothing Drive



Our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers would like to thank all parishioners for participating, in a big way, in last weekend's BUNDLE UP. Please, do not leave more bags outside the society's premises inside the church entrance. We have no room where to keep them; our storage is full. Grateful for your help!

ShareLife 2026

ShareLife 2nd Sunday Collection is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world. With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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