

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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, May 3

- 4:30 pm (vigil)+ Salvador Alcantara
- 9:00 am + Ronald Norman Henry
- 10:30 am + Cecilia Mabalang Vallejera
- 12:15 pm People of the Parish
- 2:30 pm First Holy Communion Mass**

Monday, May 4

- 7:00 pm Novena 1 - Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 5

- 8:00 am + Anthony Hurley
- 7:00 pm Novena 2 - St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, May 6

- 7:00 pm Novena 3 - OCDS Community

Thursday, May 7

- 8:00 am + Jude Benedict
- 7:00 pm Novena 4 - Legion of Mary

Friday, May 8

- 8:00 am +Betty Shaw
- 7:00 pm Novena 5 - Lord's Flock

Saturday, May 9

- 9:00 am Anne Meghay (For Healing) + Novena 6

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The house of the Lord.

Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks. — Ecclesiastes 10:18

In 1967 my father bought a plot of land in the country and built a small house with wood from the local sawmill. He also built a woodshed out of scrounged bits of wood — only the roof shingles were new. Some twenty years later, when those shingles needed to be replaced, my mother complained: “You are not going to spend money on that old shed!” I spent the money. Another twenty year on, those shingles were also replaced. The great enemy of buildings is water. Once the roof begins to leak, the whole structure is doomed. That old shed will stand until kingdom come as long as someone keeps replacing the shingles.

Our roof is leaking. Unfortunately, it is not a simple matter of going to the lumber yard and buying a few packets of shingles and some roofing nails. We had to hire an engineering consultant, go out for competitive quotes and face the grim news that we now need to raise \$400,000 to do the work.

Roofs are a regular maintenance item. Like the tires on your car, they have a limited lifespan; when they wear out they need to be replaced. There is no option. You cannot drive on bald tires and you cannot allow water damage to destroy your home. This Church is our home. We need to maintain it.

When I was looking for a quote to put at the head of this column, I was thinking of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah which recount the return of the people to Jerusalem after Babylonian exile. The first thing that the people did was to rebuild the Temple.

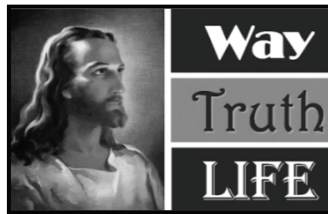
And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, ‘For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.’ And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid (Ezra 3:11).

The Temple was the heart of the nation. It was ‘the house of the Lord.’ When Christians emerged from the catacombs after the era of persecution, the first thing they did was to build churches. Each church was a sacred Temple where the sacrifice of the Eucharist was offered on the holy altar.

We can take our parish churches for granted, forgetting how hard the first parishioners worked to build what we have simply inherited. We have an obligation of gratitude to those who built this for us, to maintain what they built. We have a duty to those who will come after us, to pass it on to them in as good a shape as we received it. My dad’s old woodshed is still serving its purpose, and it will continue to do so for as long as the roof does not leak.

5th Sunday of Easter – 03 May 2026

“The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these...” Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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 – 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

The Pardon Prayer - Fatima Prayer - My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
 Novena of Holy Masses for the Spiritual needs starts *this Monday, May 4 to May 12, 2026*
 Please see bulletin boards & website: www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org for schedules.
 Love offerings for **FLOWERS AND CANDLES** will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy

The celebration of *First Holy Communion Mass* will take place *today May 03 at 2:30 pm*. Parents and children are respectfully requested to arrive early in order to receive their gown and assemble in the church hall. We extend our sincere gratitude to the catechists and all who have generously dedicated their time in preparing the children for this sacred occasion. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist.



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

18 years in Priestly Ministry



We extend our congratulations to Fr. Glass on his 18th anniversary of ordination. Kindly keep him in your prayers as he marks this milestone.
"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." - St. John Vianney

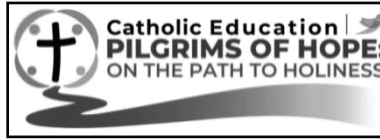
Next Sunday, May 10, is ...

MOHER'S DAY

"Look at the mothers who truly love their children: how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy, and strong." St. Gianna Beretta Molla



Catholic Education Week ... Our publicly funded Catholic schools invite all our parishioners to join them in celebrating this year's Catholic Education Week



scheduled for *May 3 to May 8, 2026* across all Ontario Catholic school boards. The theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness," emphasizes the journey of faith, hope, and holiness, inspired by the Jubilee Year and the example of young saints like Blessed Carlos Acutis. It encourages students, staff, and families to reflect on their role as pilgrims of hope in their communities. For more related information visit online the Archdiocese of Toronto at www.archtoronto.org. Let us pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for those who with faithful fidelity spread the Good News. Exploring the Paths of Joy

Hosted by the OLF Social Committee
 Weekly Sessions in *LINE DANCING (Cardio)* by a qualified trainer on two levels:
 1) *Beginners* and 2) *Advanced*
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 For details & registrations call the office at **416-757-2806. ALL ARE WELCOME**

Sharelife 2026

Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope Bradley's life was in ruins, shattered by addiction and a pain so deep, he couldn't escape. At just 14, drugs became his refuge, a desperate attempt to numb the emptiness that consumed him. He fought to build something—a job, a home, a family—but addiction tore it all apart. For Bradley, the road to healing seemed impossible—until you stepped in. Through your kindness, he found the Good Shepherd's DARE Program, made possible by your support of ShareLife. Without this opportunity, Bradley's story would have been one of loss and despair, but because of you, he found a second chance. With the alarming increases in mental health and addictions, there are so many more people waiting for someone like you to help turn their broken road into a path of hope. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORK COLLECTION



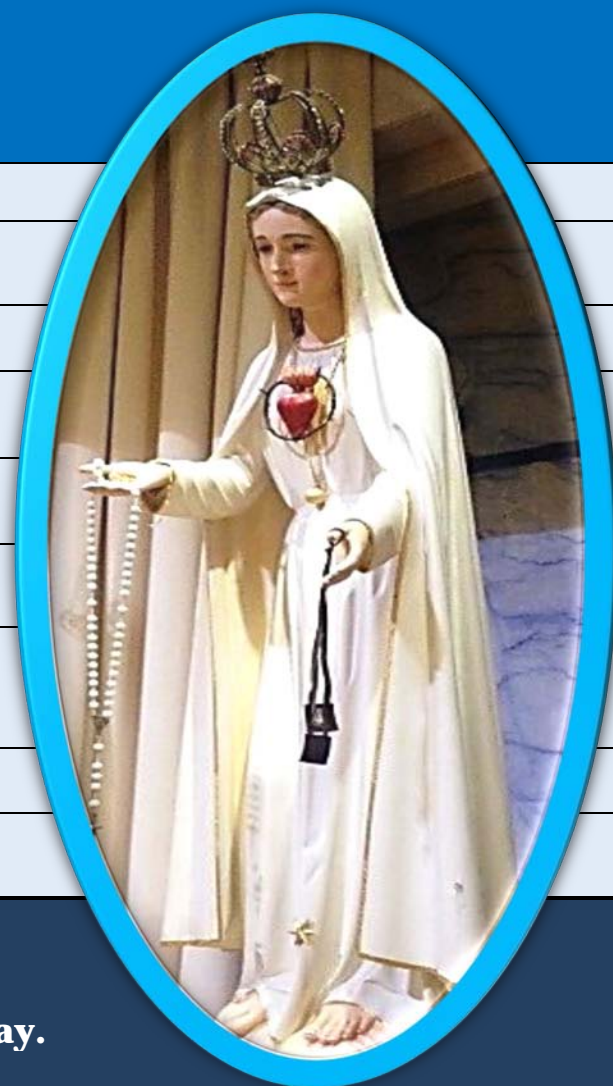
There is a 2nd collection for the **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS on Sunday May 17** Offerings will be directed to the Holy Father's works of charity. Please, use envelopes from your own box of donation envelopes. There are some available at all church entrances. *Thanks in anticipation.*

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Monday, May 4 – Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Novena of Holy Masses for the Spiritual Needs of all

Monday 04	6:30 pm	Novena 1 + Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
Tuesday 05	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Morning Mass Novena 2 + Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
Wednesday 06	6:00 pm	Holy Hour + Novena 3 + Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
Thursday 07	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Morning mass Novena 4 + Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
Friday 08	8:00 am 6:30pm	Morning Mass Novena 5 + Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
Saturday 09	9:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Mass + Novena 6 after Mass Anticipated Sunday Mass
Sunday 10	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass + Novena 7 after Mass
Monday 11	6:30pm	Novena 8+ Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
Tuesday 12	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Morning Mass Novena 9 + Holy Mass at 7:00 pm



Wednesday 13
Feast Day Our
Lady of
Fatima



**9:00 am OLF School Mass
& 12:30 pm St. Joachim Mass
7:00 pm Final Holy Mass for the Feast Day.**

**Love offerings for FLOWERS AND CANDLES
will be greatly appreciated.
All Fatima devotees and PARISHIONERS are welcome
to join us for Novena Prayers and Mass dedicated to the Feast Day.**

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