

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

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, May 10

- 4:30 pm (vigil)+Cynthia Dawson
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am + Joan McManus
12:15 pm Novena 7 - Music Ministry

Monday, May 11

- 7:00 pm Novena 8 - MFC Group

Tuesday, May 12

- 8:00 am Erlinda Dela Rosa (Thanksgiving)
7:00 pm Novena 9 - Carmel of Infant Jesus

Wednesday, May 13

- 9:30 am St. Joachim School Mass
12:30 pm OLF School Mass
7:00 pm Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
For People of the Parish

Thursday, May 14

- 8:00 am + Ann Morton

Friday, May 15

- 8:00 am Antoinette Benedict (I)

Saturday, May 16

- 9:00 am + Filson Goodwin

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS

The Glory of the Garden

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed to work it and keep it. — Genesis 2:7-8. 15

At this time of year my thoughts return to the many years that I kept a large vegetable garden for my mother at 'the country place.' Do miss it? Yes, I miss it very much. During my Seminary years, I would spend my summers there with my Mom and her grand-children. If I were there now I would be tilling the garden and building up the beds, getting ready to plant. It is hard work, but it satisfies the soul. After all, man's first vocation was to be a gardener.

We know the story of how sin crept into the garden, and how Adam was told: "Cursed is the ground because of you; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground." On the topic of curses, God might have mentioned the blackflies and mosquitoes! As for thorns and thistle, we did not get much in our garden but there were plenty of other weeds to keep me busy with the hoe.

There is a Zen saying: "Pull out the weeds and bury them near the plant to give it nourishment. Be grateful for the weeds because eventually they will enrich your garden." Our weeds, a seemingly endless supply of them, were tossed into the compost bin where they broke down into organic fertilizer. All the same, I found it hard to feel grateful. It is inevitable that weeds will grow in gardens; that is the way of nature. But as long as weeds grow, it is our task to hoe them out; that is the way of man.

We cannot return to Eden where gardening was, to use St. Augustine's phrase, 'labor without toil,' but we can re-create, to some extent, the glory of the garden in our own places. To garden is to co-operate in God's continuing act of creation; it is to be connected to the earth from which God formed us.

Rudyard Kipling wrote a poem about gardening:

Our England is a garden,
and such gardens are not made
By singing, "Oh, how beautiful,"
and sitting in the shade.
Oh, Adam was a gardener,
and God who made him sees
that half a proper gardener's work
is done upon his knees.
So when your work is finished,
you can wash your hands and pray
for the Glory of the Garden
that it may not pass away!

6th Sunday of Easter – 10 May 2026



Anyone who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; John 14:21

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. 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 – 17 May 2026

Ascension of the Lord-Seventh Sun of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Mathew 28.16-20

Being the Hands and Feet of Christ

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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





Flower Offering for the Feast Day 2026

As we prepare to celebrate the *Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13*, we kindly invite parishioners to donate flowers in her honor. Your generous offerings will help beautify our church for this special Marian celebration. Thank you for your support.

Children's Liturgy

Please **REMEMBER!** *This Sunday is the Final meeting for Children Liturgy. Have a wonderful break.*



Volunteer Training 2026



On **May 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church, the Volunteer Screening Committee is holding a training session for *all new volunteers*, and those who missed previous sessions For more information, email

Josephine Ortega at jortega@archtoronto.org or <https://olfatimasc.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/volunteering/volunteer-submissions/> or call the parish office c/o Aurora at 416-757-2806.

ShareLife 2026



Through ShareLife, you are the light in someone's darkest moment

Sarah arrived at the doors of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but the clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed. Your kindness provided the essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future.

Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love.

Thus far we have raised [**\$24,064.20**] toward our goal of [**\$45, 000.00**]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Family Life Week 2026

"I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Christ's words at the time of his Ascension serve as this year's theme for **National Family and Life Week 2026**, which begins on *Sunday, 10 May, and concludes on Sunday, 17 May.*



Families, parishes and parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, as well as Catholic schools,

are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. **This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world.**

May Christ's enduring presence bring us consolation, hope and renewal, as we journey with him in prayer and through the Sacraments, in the knowledge that we are never truly alone. God is with us always "to the end of the age."

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

Join us on *Saturday, May 23, 2026* to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! Alissa Golob will share her experience



going undercover to expose late-term abortion across Canada. Join hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. We will gather at 10:00am for a rally, and then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 1:30 PM (registration required). Sign up for workshops and lunch by May 15. To sign up or to register your bus go to torontomarchforlife.ca

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORK COLLECTION



There is a 2nd collection for the **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS** next **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.*

Next Monday – May 18th – is ...



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