

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

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, September 6

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Cedric Bernardez

9:00 am + Agnes & Danny Gomes

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Loida Ramadan

Monday, September 7

No Mass

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am Porfirio Pingol (Thanksgiving)

7:00 pm OCDS

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 pm + Fermin Llapitan

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am + Michele Doti

Friday, September 11

8:00 am + Joel Lorenzo San Juan

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am + Patrick Tobin

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

I will build my Church.

Et in unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam ecclesiam. And (I believe) in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. — The Nicene Creed.

As Christians have done since the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., we proclaim that we believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Significantly, we also profess our faith in the Church. Yet what does it mean to believe in the Church?

In that famous passage in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says: "You are Peter and on this rock (Greek *petra*) I will build my Church." The word for Church in Greek is 'ekklesia', which comes from 'ek' (out of) and 'kaleo' (to call). In the common Greek of the time, 'ekklesia' meant "a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly." In the Jewish context, 'ekklesia' was the translation of the Hebrew word 'qahal' which is used throughout the Hebrew Scriptures to designate the people of God. In what sense, then, is Jesus using the word 'church' — qahal, ekklesia?

Clearly, this 'Church' is not something that already exists, but something that has to be built. The Greek verb 'oikodomeso' means literally to build a house. St. Paul tells the Corinthians, 'You are God's building (oikodome).' Furthermore, this is not *a* house, but *my* (Jesus') house; and that distinction is important. This 'ekklesia' is a community of believers that is one in Christ; it is founded on the Apostles with Christ as the cornerstone.

This new Church is established along with a new covenant. As we read in the Prophet Jeremiah, and as quoted in the Letter to the Hebrews:

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jesus completely fulfills the promises of the old covenant and he establishes a new covenant that comes with new promises. As we read in the letter to the Hebrews: "But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises."

To be a Christian is to believe in Jesus Christ. Yet as we profess in the Creed, we must also believe in the Church. St. Cyprian of Carthage (whose name we invoke in the Roman Canon) said; "You cannot have God for your father if you have not the Church as your mother."

23rd Sun of OT – 06 September 2026

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, If God is calling you contact Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. Fr. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.



Next Week Readings – 13 September 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27-30-28:7

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

REMINDER THAT...



Offering

There is a second collection - in all

this weekend **September 05/06** for the **Renovation Fund**. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance and support. May God reward abundantly.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



ROOF PROJECT

PHASE 1: SUMMER 2026

Construction Contract:	\$ 360,956
Other Fees:	78,521
Projected Cost:	\$ 439,477

PHASE 2: SUMMER 2027

Construction Estimate:	\$ 400,000
Other Fees:	86,320
Projected Cost:	\$ 486,320

Total Cost Phase 1 & 2: \$ 925,797

ROOF FUND CAMPAIGN

Campaign Goal: \$400,000

Contributions to date

April	\$ 386
May	28,050
June	21,010
July	26,712
August	14,226
Total to date:	\$ 90,384

Welcome back school staff and students

At Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School and at St. Joachim Catholic School! As you embark on a new school year 2026-2027, please remember to keep your faith at the center of all you do. Welcome back!



Prayer for Teachers and Students

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have committed to your holy Church the care and nurture of your children. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - September 8, 2026

8:00 am & 7:00 pm Mass

The celebration starts at 6:00 pm and includes Holy Hour, the Rosary and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Holy Virgin Mary, pray for us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will resume on **Sunday, September 20** during the **10:30 am Mass**.

All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to attend and participate.



2026-2027 First Holy Communion Confirmation Classes

Please be advised that the dates and details for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION** will be announced later. We kindly ask parents and parishioners to watch for the official announcement. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2026 – Apr. 2027



Anyone interested in *joining* the Catholic Church? Already a Catholic and would like to *deepen your faith*? Perhaps you want to *refresh* your catholic doctrine? **Then you are invited**

to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program, a journey of prayer and instruction for those who wish to explore and strengthen the beauty of the Catholic faith. If you or anyone you know are interested, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org

OLF Roof Renovation Fundraising Dinner & Dance

Hosted by OLF Social/Wellness Committee

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Hall
3170 St. Clair Ave. East
(just east of Victoria Park)

Saturday, October 24, 2026

6:00 - 11:00 pm

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