

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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 13

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Consuelo M. Lopez
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Philomena & Christopher Singhroy (I)
12:15 pm + Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Raeburn

Monday, September 14

No Mass

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am + Jocelyn San Juan

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 pm + Fe Isabelita Dela Cruz

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am + Tony Fernandes

Friday, September 18

8:00 am Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, September 19

9:00 am + Tony Fernandes

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Poverty and riches.

Apart from this I now have to raise two hundred ducats that I promised Montoya, the canonist, for he has given us life, and please God that amount will be enough and bring all these troubles to an end. It is a great mercy that money can play a role in the attainment of so much peace. — St. Teresa of Avila, *Letters*.

The Saints are the most practical people. The translator, of St. Teresa's works, E. Allison Peers, wrote of her: "There is no life more real than the interior life of the soul; there is no writer who has a firmer hold on reality than St. Teresa."

When St. Teresa set out to establish her first Discalced Carmelite convent she was determined, against all opposition, that it would be founded 'in poverty.' It would have no stable means of support — no dowries or endowment, no rental revenue from extensive properties; the little community would rely solely on the day to day donations of the people of the town in which they lived.

We tend to have a romantic view of religious poverty, but for the Carmelite nuns there was little romance in empty bellies and empty cupboards. Teresa persisted in her resolve to embrace poverty not because of any romantic idealism but for a practical reason: her trust was in God; God would provide. And so he did. Her first community, and the many that she subsequently founded, prospered in spite of difficult times. Or one could say, *because of* difficult times.

Whenever she faced difficulties in establishing a new convent Teresa would regard it as a sign of future blessing. As the Psalmist says: 'Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.' She wrote, "To these early [difficult] stages, I believe, is to be traced all future good; for those who come later walk in the path which they already find."

You can only truly appreciate the value of money when you do not have any. Few people go through life without at some time experiencing the anxiety of 'financial stress.' Like St. Teresa, when this stress is relieved, they may offer a prayer of thanksgiving 'that money can play a role in the attainment of so much peace.'

St. Augustine said that in this world there are things to be loved and things to be used for the sake of the things we love. I have thought about what it means to be 'rich': it is being able to be where you want to be, doing what you want to be doing. There have been times in my life when I felt that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted to be doing. At that moment I was as rich as anyone could possibly be.

St. Teresa and her sisters were often in want but they lived a purposeful life. Despite the hardships that they endured they were exactly where they wanted to be, doing exactly what they wanted to be doing. What the world would see as poverty they experienced as true riches.

24th Sun of OT – 13 September 2026



"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or

sister. 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 – 20 September 2026

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2026

Novena 6- Wed. Sept. 23 at 6:00pm

Novena 7 -Wed. Oct. 28 at 6:00 pm

Novena 8- Wed. Nov. 25 at 6:00 pm

Novena 9- Wed. Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm

The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 6:00 pm.





SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will resume next weekend **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 & 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

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.



Learn: **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection.

How to create your own legacy
About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

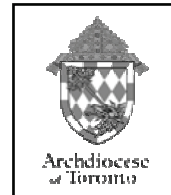
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Season of Creation 2026

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Living Water" and the symbol is "Immersion in Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47: 9 and 12. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links: Celebration Guide: bit.ly/4vssvsf Video: bit.ly/3RFGLi

World Youth Day Mass with Cardinal Leo – November 21, 2026

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese for a special World Youth Day Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at St. Thomas More Parish located at 2234 Ellesmere Rd. in Scarborough, 7 p.m.



Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church. Free admission. No registration required. Open to all young adults ages 19-39. Bring a friend and come be a part of this beautiful celebration of Christ the King, faith and fellowship! **Video link:** <https://bit.ly/WYDMass2026>

First School Masses for September 2026



OLF School Mass

Wed., Sept. 16, 2026 at 9:00 am

St. Joachim School Mass

Thurs. Sept. 17, 2026 at 9:30 am

Welcome back students! Praying for fruitfull school year.

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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