

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 20

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Gregorio & Juan Casero
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am + Miguela Lydia Espedido
12:15 pm + Eustaquio Sugue

Monday, September 21

No Mass

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am +Roberto Pineda

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 pm + Stanley Mukkath

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am +Liam Thomas Fernando Primaylon

Friday, September 25

8:00 am +Conception Panedos

Saturday, September 26

9:00 am + Mary V. Friginal

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Reality and unreality.

Things and actions are what they are, and the consequences of them will be what they will be: why then should we desire to be deceived? – Joseph Butler (Anglican Bishop), 1726.

John Henry Newman (later Cardinal, and much later, Saint and Doctor of the Church) read Butler's *Analogy of Religion* while a young man studying at Oxford University with an eye to Anglican ministry. It was, he later said, "an era in my religious opinions." He gained from Butler "the underlying principles of a great portion of my teaching."

Things are what they are. A tautology? Certainly! But we are constantly being propagandized into believing that things are *not* what they are. There is a term for this: 'manufacturing reality.' Newman's great gift was his firm grasp of reality. His clarity of thinking made him stand out among his contemporaries, and it is a gift for the Church (and society) today. His most scathing criticism of bad ideas was to call them 'unreal.'

Newman was made a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII who said that by honoring Newman he was honoring the Church. I often quote Leo XIII from his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891):

Nothing is more useful than to look upon the world as it really is, and at the same time to seek elsewhere, as we have said, for the solace to its troubles.

I ought to feel satisfaction that some of my 'great saints', Irenaeus, Hildegard of Bingen, and Cardinal Newman, have recently been declared Doctors of the Church. 'Doctor' in Latin literally means 'Teacher.' How odd it is, though, that they have been declared Teachers while those in positions of authority in the Church (Bishops and Cardinals) are busy repudiating everything that they taught. If the elevation of Newman was meant as a rebuke to these progressives, why has it not achieved its purpose? What, then, was the point?

In 1976, before becoming Pope, John Paul II issued this prophetic warning:

We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel. This confrontation lies within the plans of divine Providence; it is trial which the whole Church must take up. It is a trial of not only our nation and the Church, but, in a sense, a test of 2,000 years of culture and Christian civilization with all of its consequences for human dignity, individual rights, human rights and the rights of nations.

Nothing is more useful than to look upon the world as it really is. In these unreal times, let us keep a firm hold on reality. Why should we desire to be deceived?

25th Sun of OT – 20 September 2026



"Seek the Lord while he may be found.." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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 – 27 September 2026

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 18.25-28**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2.1-11 or 2.1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 21.28-32**

The Parable of the Two Sons

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

This weekend is Stewardship Sunday!

As stewards, God has given us many diverse gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our parish community. Consider sharing your God-given gifts with your parish by joining a parish ministry that speaks to your heart. Contact our parish office to learn more about the opportunities currently available. What gifts has God given you? To help you to reflect on this question, we will be sharing a homily by Cardinal Frank Leo on Stewardship Sunday. Please read this stewardship homily by Cardinal Frank Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others. See: <https://rb.gy/b6ooh>.





CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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



First Holy Communion 2026-2027

Applications for First Holy Communion have been distributed to both schools.

A **Parents' Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m.**

in the church hall. The first class will be held on **Sunday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m.** Attendance at all classes is mandatory for all communicant.



Confirmation 2026-2027

Information regarding the **Confirmation program and sessions** will be provided once the details and application forms are finalized. Applications will be distributed to the students through both schools. Please watch the parish bulletin for further information and important dates. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



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



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of **September 26th and 27th.**

This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.



From the Pastor's Desk

Liturgical Publications, the printers of our bulletin, will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin – advertising begins December 2026. Please remember that these advertisements make our bulletin possible. Do support the bulletin and advertise your products or services with us.

Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422

ShareLife's 50th Anniversary Celebration – Open House

ShareLife is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special **Open House on Saturday, October 3, at St. Augustine's Seminary.** The doors will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Guests will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful and historic seminary, meet representatives from ShareLife-funded agencies, and learn more about the people and communities who are supported through the generosity of ShareLife donors. Parish communities have been at the heart of ShareLife's mission for 50 years. We warmly invite our parishioners to join this special celebration and learn more about the difference their support makes. For more information, please visit sharelife.org/50.



2026 Food Security Grants

For the fourth consecutive year, **ShareLife and Catholic Charities** are committing funds through the **Food Security Grants** program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, **\$850,000 in Food Security Grants** will strengthen local food banks, meal programs, and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign helps make this important work possible. Please support the fight against hunger by giving through the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel and for helping ShareLife make a difference in the lives of those in need!

World Day of Migrants and Refugees



The Archdiocese of Toronto together with the parish community of **St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church** invites you to a special Mass on the occasion of the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on **Sunday, September 27, 2026 11:30 AM at St. Isaac Jogues Parish 1148 Finch Ave., Pickering, Ontario.** Celebrant

& Host: Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen.

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