

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

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St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline) 416-757-9561

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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 27

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Miguella Lydia Espedido
9:00 am + Anthony Francis Jacob Fernandes
10:30 am + Cesar Solidum
12:15 pm + Rogelio Caraang

Monday, September 28

No Mass

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am + Cicilia Krug
7:00 pm Reserved

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 pm Lita Lopes (Intentions)

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am Anthony Fernandes & Family
(Thanksgiving)
7:00 pm Lawrence Friginal (Intentions)

Friday, October 2

7:00 pm Lita Lopes (Intentions)

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am Taguinod Family (Thanksgiving)

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Men have forgotten God.

While I was still a child, I recall hearing older people offer this explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: "Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened." I have since spent nearly fifty years working on the history of our Russian Revolution. If I were asked today to state as concisely as possible the main cause of the Revolution which swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: "Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened." — Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

I enjoy watching old classic movies. Some have overtly religious themes — *The Song of Bernadette* (1943) and *Ben Hur* (1959) come to mind — but they are the rare exception. Most films are set in a godless world — think of *Casablanca* (1942) or any modern film.

It seems that 'religious' is treated as a genre, like fantasy or sci-fi, which asks of the movie-goer a suspension of disbelief. Just as the Harry Potter films imagine a world in which magic is real, so religious films imagine a world in which God is real. But God really is real!

What sets Christian art and literature apart is that it takes for granted the reality of God. The *Narnia* series of books by C. S. Lewis is entertaining fantasy but it is also Christian allegory; the great lion Aslan is a type of Christ. Tolkien's Catholic faith suffuses *The Lord of the Rings* even though the story is set in an imaginary pre-Christian world. The great popularity of Dostoevsky among Christians is in large part owing to the reality of God in his novels and his exploration of the consequences of living in a world without God. Everyone knows the quote from *The Brothers Karamazov*: "Without God, everything is permitted."

German has a useful word, *Weltenchaung*, defined as "an individual's or society's fundamental beliefs, values, and assumptions about reality, providing a unified perspective on existence." The English equivalent is 'worldview.' The predominant worldview today does not include God. As Nietzsche's madman said: "God is dead! And we have killed him."

Christianity is not just a faith, it is an entire worldview. As Pope John Paul II said:

We know that the life lived in the grace of God must necessarily be different from that of someone without the gift of faith. Our conduct, our habits of life, our way of thinking, of making choices, of evaluating things and situations — these must all be different, because we live fully in the light of faith in God.

There is an explanation for all the troubles that we see in the world today: "Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened."

26th Sun of OT – 27 September 2026

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? 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 – 04 October 2026

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

Pope Monthly Intention for October 2026



For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will continue on **Sunday's, October 04, 18, & 25** during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to attend and participate.

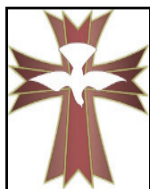
Keep learning and growing!

First Holy Communion 2026-2027

Applications for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** are available in the office during office hours. **Classes start this Sunday, September 27 & October 04, 18, & 25.** Parents and candidate are ask to attend weekly Mass. Parents are encourage to teach your children the basic prayers. Thank you .



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



From the Pastor's Desk

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May your Sunday be filled with faith, hope and Love!

FEAST OF STs. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael



Tuesday– 29 September 2026

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Evening Prayers, Rosary and Holy Mass
Heavenly Father, thank you for sending the Archangels to guide, protect, and heal us. Through their intercession, keep us safe and close to you. Amen

EDGE Youth Ministry Team Information Session 2026

Our parish is excited to announce that we are starting an EDGE program for youth in Grades 6–8!



As we build our parish's EDGE Youth Ministry team, we are looking for parishioners who are interested in volunteering and helping create a welcoming community where young people can grow in their faith, build friendships, and encounter Christ.

Join us for an Information Session this Wednesday, September 30 at 8:00 pm, immediately following the Wednesday evening Mass. Whether you have experience working with youth or are simply interested in getting involved, all are welcome to attend and learn more about the program and how you can be part of building EDGE at our parish. Come join the team and help us get EDGE started!

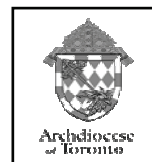
LIFE CHAIN 2026



Life Chain is a peaceful public witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Christians pray for its end and hold signs bearing truths such as "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," and "Jesus Forgives & Heals" at hundreds of locations from coast to coast. Please set aside just one hour on **Sunday, October 4, 2026 @ 2:00-3:00 pm** to gather together at **[Victoria Pk & Danforth Rd]**. This is a special opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much needed wake-up call. Remember how Our Lord asked His apostles: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37)

Mass Attendance Survey 2026

This survey requested by Archdiocese is intended to provide an accurate profile of 'Mass Attendance' for all parish and mission communities. It will be done during all the weekend Masses and over two weekends – October 17/18 and 24/25– and it will involve a number of ushers and volunteers doing a 'head count' in every section of the church at the start of the homily. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



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