

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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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

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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, October 4

4:30 pm (vigil) Philomena & Christopher Singhroy
(Thanksgiving)

9:00 am + Joel Lorenzo San Juan

10:30 am + Josephine Lind

12:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, October 5

No Mass

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 am Rainer Sequeira (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm Rainer Sequeira & Ruwanthi Thevakumar
(10th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, October 8

8:00 am + Joao & Irene De Sequeira

Friday, October 9

8:00 am + Maria Alcantara

Saturday, October 10

9:00 am + Arturo Rivera

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

But to the children of Adam, he has given the earth.

But I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realise what it will be like when He does. When that happens, it is the end of the world. When the author walks on to the stage the play is over. — C. S. Lewis

As I was praying the Divine Office last week, a line from the Psalm 115 jumped out at me. Although I had read that line literally hundreds of times, it was as if I had never seen it before:

The heavens, the heavens belong to the LORD,
but to the children of Adam, he has given the earth.

This line came not as an exclamation point but as a question mark. What does it mean?

It certainly does not mean that God is uninterested in the doings of men. Time and again God has directly intervened in human history, most notably when the Second Person of the Trinity took on the fullness of our human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mother.

There are indeed times that we may feel that God has abandoned us, that he is a *Deus absconditus*, a God in hiding. Where was God when Jews were being rounded up transported in cattle cars to the death camps? Where is he today where Christians are being persecuted and martyred? Where is he when a child is being abused? Where is God when we need him most?

This brings us to the age-old question, 'Why does God allow evil in the world?' Would not an all-loving and all-powerful God prevent his human creatures, made in his own image, from hurting one another? The answer, simple but profound, is that God has given us the incredible gift of free will. Unlike animals, which act solely on instinct and appetite, we can freely choose to do good or to do evil. God is taking a chance on us by allowing us to choose our own path in this world. The mystery is why so many of us choose the wrong path. Recall Jesus' own words:

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

God does sometimes intervene miraculously in human affairs, but mostly he acts by means of human agents. This earth is a battleground where the forces of good contend against the forces of evil. At certain times and in certain places the forces of evil may temporarily win. The world can be enveloped in darkness; but we are called to be the light of the world.

God has entrusted the earth to us. It is up to us, with the help of his grace, to resist the powers of evil and to infuse goodness into the world.

27th Sun of Ordinary Time – 04 October 2026



Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you contact Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

g www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. Fr. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 11 October 2026

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

Parable of the wicked husbandmen

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

LifeChain 2026

LifeChain 2026 is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the horror of abortion and the sanctity of human life from the moment of its conception.

Join us today, October 4

– **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** –

at the usual location:

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OCTOBER 4, 2026



First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy 2026-2027

Applications for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION are



available in the office during office hours.

Classes continues this Sunday, October 04.

Next Sunday October 11



is Thanksgiving long weekend therefore there will be NO meeting for both program. Parents and candidate are ask to attend weekly Mass. Parents are encourage to teach your children the basic prayers specially the Act of Contrition. 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

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

October 2026

**† Rose Dina Latina, Gabriele Giuseppe Povoio,
Gavin Joseph L. Torres, Adrian Cromwell,
& Cleon Andres Lansang.**

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. Galatians 3:26



Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Join us – **on Thursday, October 15** – for Rosary and Evening Prayer at 6:15 pm followed by sung Holy Mass in honor of our Holy Mother Teresa of Jesus. Prayer booklets will be available.

All are welcome.

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. Thank you for your co-operation in this exercise



World Mission Sunday - Special Collection

On October 17-18, 2026



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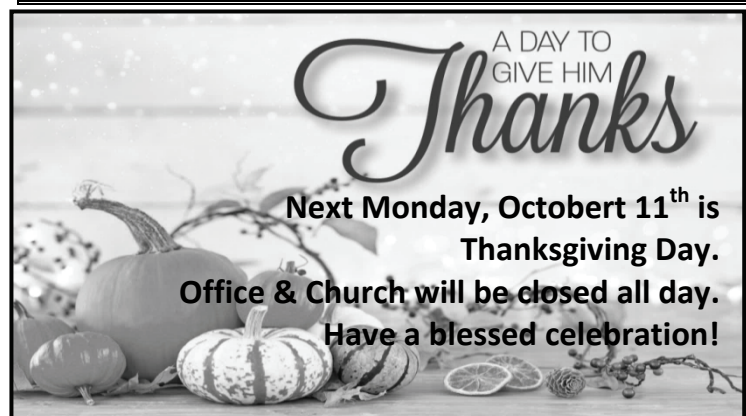
Some examples include: building churches, pastoral centers, cathedrals

damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses. For more information, please visit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: www.missionsocieties.ca

From the Pastor's Desk

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