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3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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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

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

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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, October 18

4:30 pm (vigil)+ Jim Feeney

9:00 am + Noreen Mallory

10:30 am + Antonio C. Tuason

12:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, October 19

No Mass

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 am + Bill Mersdzan

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 pm Rev. Fr. Henrikus Sularino (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, October 22

8:00 am Philomena Singhroy (Thanksgiving)

Friday, October 23

8:00 am Adrian Friginal (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, October 24

9:00 am + Agnes & Danny Gomes

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Faith seeking understanding.

St. Thomas Aquinas taught theology as a true *discipline*. It has a teachable curriculum; it requires training in specific skills; it covers a defined range of issues and texts that are studied over a fixed period of time; it carries a standard bibliography of authorities; and you can examine students so as to test how good they are at it — you can pass or fail them. — Denys Turner

Theology is simply 'faith seeking understanding.' If you are seeking a better understanding of your faith, you are a theologian. But as is true of every field of knowledge, we cannot work everything out from first principles without assistance. As an engineering student I had to be shown how to prove that the differential of $\sin(x)$ was $\cos(x)$. The same is true for us students of theology. We need to be instructed; we need wise and experienced teachers who will guide us along the path.

Cardinal Newman recalls that, at a young age, his apprehension of God was 'more certain than that I have hands and feet.' Although I was never a card-carrying atheist, it was not until I was well into middle age that I fully appreciated the intellectual incoherence of atheism. Ironically, I found the most convincing arguments for God in the polemics of fervent atheists such as Dawkins, Hitchens and Hawking.

My appreciation of the Catholic faith was also greatly assisted by a former Billy-Graham-style evangelist who wrote a book called *Farewell to God: My Reasons for Rejecting the Christian Faith*. His description of how human beings are the mindless product of purposeless evolution struck me as being so obviously self-refuting that I began to have serious doubts about my own agnosticism.

These promoters of a godless universe made me realize what St. Augustine discovered long ago:

Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you would discover, never wrote that book with ink; instead he set before your eyes the things he had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that? Why, heaven and earth shout to you: "God made me!"

That is the starting point. For Augustine, his arrival at that point was a dramatic conversion. He later realized that conversion is not a 'point of arrival' — what Newman described as "coming into port after a rough sea" — but a 'point of departure,' the beginning of a new journey.

Nunc coepi — now we begin. Thankfully on our own journey we have reliable guides who have travelled this road before us. We have Augustine, Aquinas, Teresa of Avila, Newman, and so many others, to show us the way.

29th Sun of OT – 18 October 2026



"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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 – 25 October 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

Jesus speaks to the Pharisees - Gesù parla ai farisei

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

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

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 this weekend Masses— **October 17/18** and next

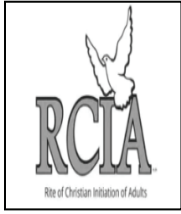
weekend **October 25/26**— and it will involve a number of ushers and volunteers doing a 'head count' in every section of the church at the start of the homily. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



OCTOBER 18, 2026



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



The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will begin this **Sunday, October 18, after the 12:15 p.m. Mass, in the Church Hall.** Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, deepening their faith, or learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome to

attend. For more information, please, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org

First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy 2026-2027



Classes continues this Sunday's **October 18 & 25** in the church hall at 10:30 am.



PARENTS' REMINDER:

We kindly encourage you to guide your children in learning the basic prayers, especially the **Act of Contrition**, as part of their growing faith. **Parents and candidate are invited to take part in weekly Mass as part of the program.**

Confirmation 2026-2027

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now available at the office. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please visit the parish office during office hours. Classes will begin in January 2027. Thank you.



Friars Student Writing Contest 2027 (November 3, 2026 - January 11, 2027)



Theme: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (cf. Luke 12:32). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of

Toronto are invited to submit a 450–500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 at bit.ly/4yutVEZ.

Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For further information, please contact or call (647) 258-4740 ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org

Dinner & Dance – 24 October 2026 in the church hall at 5:30 pm

This is the final weekend to purchase tickets for the Dinner and dance Roof Fundraising. We encourage everyone to get their tickets as no tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event. Thank you for your understanding and support.

The **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 2026** is out in the church by the baptismal font. Submit names of your beloved faithful departed to be included in all Mass intentions celebrated in the month of November.

All Souls Day 2026

†A second collection for **All Souls Day** will be held during all Masses of the weekend **October 31 & November 01.**

† On **Sunday, November 1st – ALL SAINT DAY** – Masses in our church will be at **9:00 am & 10:30 am & 12:15 pm for All Souls listed on Remembrance Book.**

Monday, November 2nd – ALL SOULS DAY- Mass will be at 7:00 pm for All Souls.

† Other Masses offered for loved ones listed in the **Book of Remembrance** will be celebrated on:

Wednesday, Nov. 04 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm



† Please, if possible, enter the names of your loved ones in the **"Book of Remembrance"** before **November 1st.**

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES - ARCHDIOCE OF TORONTO

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the Faithful Departed. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate their loved ones that have passed. Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on **Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 2 p.m.** All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

► **Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum** ► **Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre** ► **Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum** ► **Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)** ► **Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum.** More information can be found here: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/all-souls-day-mass/> All are welcome

Come & See 2026

Do you ever think about a future in the priesthood? Ever considered what it is like?

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a **Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat** for men 18 years and older, at **St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 6 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 8 (2 p.m.).** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee For more information, please: vocations@archtoronto.org.

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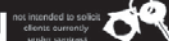


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