Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

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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 (except First Friday)	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday (Devotion & Rosary, 6:00 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.
First Friday (1 Mass) (Holy Hour & Devotion 6:00 p.m.)	7:00 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.

OFFICE STAFF:

Aurora Fraginal - Secretary
Patrick Callahan - Property Manager
Jack Tobin - Custodian

SCHOOLS:

Our Lady of Fatima School
3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252
St. Joachim's School
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

We welcome you to **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH** aand 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, November 29
4:30 pm (vigil) Ceferino Namuncura (For His Sainthood)
9:00 am + Anthony Hurley
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:15 pm + Rufina& Silvina Dalisay
Monday, November 30
No Mass
Tuesday, December 1
8:00 am Cristina Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday, December 2
7:00 pm + Carmelita Dyal
Thursday, December 3
8:00 am + Carmelita Dyal
Friday, December 4
7:00 pm + Lilia Estabaya
Saturday, December 5
9:00 am + Brigida Dacumos

First Sunday of Advent – 29 November 2026



The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext 801. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org/www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. Alan Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 06 December 2026

Second Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8
Make straight the paths of the Lord
Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

Pope Monthly Intention for December 2026

For single-parent families



Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A new pastoral plan.

> We do not need a new program. The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition; it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated. This is a program that does not change with shifts of times and cultures. This program for all times is our program for the Third Millennium.
> — Pope John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*

Cardinal Frank Leo has launched a new pastoral plan for the Archdiocese of Toronto (*Filling the Jars to the Brim*) which "provides a common vision to guide the pastoral life and evangelizing efforts of parishes, families and communities over the next seven years." You can visit the dedicated website at 'www.archtoronto.org/pastoral.'

You may be thinking that this is 'deja-vu all over again.' I recall that Cardinal Collins launched a Pastoral Plan in 2013. And later that same year Pope Francis issued *Evangelii Gaudium*, in which we were encouraged "to be bold and creative in the task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in your respective communities," and "to apply the guidelines found in this document generously and courageously, without inhibitions or fear." What came of these initiatives?

When I was working as an engineer we were subjected to various improvement plans every few years. They took up a good deal of time with seminars and 'exercises' but none had any lasting effect. The most important driver of success was the 'corporate culture.' I was fortunate to have excellent project managers and to have worked with other professionals who took pride in their work. There was a culture of excellence.

The great Catholic historian Christopher Dawson said, "Catholicism is not possible without a Catholic culture."

Culture is the key. How do we rebuild a robust and confident Catholic culture? A culture of excellence?

If I sound cynical it is not because I have any doubt that there is need for pastoral planning. Rather, it is because Pope John Paul II already provided the pastoral plan for the new millennium in his landmark encyclical, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, which has now been memory-holed. It is worth repeating what Pope John Paul then wrote:

> The ideal of Christian life must not be misunderstood as if it involved some kind of extraordinary existence, possible only for a few 'uncommon heroes' of holiness. The ways of holiness are many, according to the vocation of each individual. The time has come to re-propose wholeheartedly to everyone this *high standard of ordinary Christian living:* the whole life of the Christian community and of Christian families must lead in this direction.

Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION" in all parishes is *on December 13 to 19, 2026*

'**Reconciliation/Confessions**' *in our church:*

During Advent we are invited to prepare for Christmas by praying and refecting.



Wednesday, Dec. 16
5:00 pm – 6:45 pm
Saturday, Dec.19
3:30 pm -4:20 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2026



***RAFFLE TICKETS* in an artistic NATIVITY DISPLAY** [for fundraising purposes] will be on sale during these weekends. This will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the end of the 12:15 pm Mass. Thank you for your generous support.

First Holy Communion & Children Liturgy 2026-2027

Classes will resume next Sunday December 6 and 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the church hall before the Christmas break.





Parents' Reminder: Late applications will no longer be accepted. Please help your children learn the basic prayers, especially the Act of Contrition. Parents and candidates are encouraged to attend weekly Sunday Mass as part of the program.

Confirmation 2026-2027



Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are 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.

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



This year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on **Sundays in the church hall from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. For more info call the office.**

The Program continues this Sunday November 29, 2026.

School Masses for December 2026



OLF School Mass
Wed. Dec. 09, 2026 at 9:00 am
St. Joachim School Mass
Thur. Dec. 10 at 9:30 am

Christmas Novena Prayers

Rejoice and Be Glad... God Is With Us!

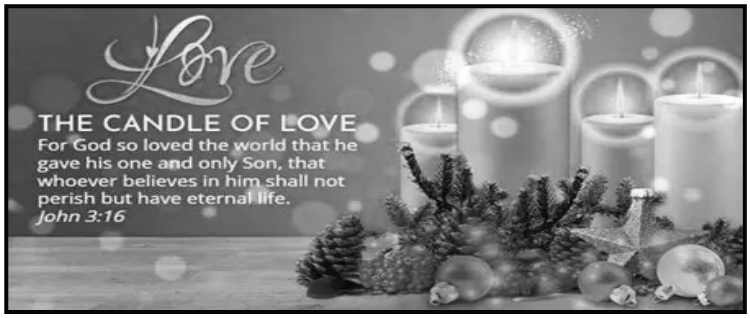
Join us for songs, Mass, and fellowship with our parish families. We are looking for families who would like to sponsor one evening of the Christmas Novena. Sponsoring families may bring up the offertory gifts during Mass. All sponsoring families are invited to bring refreshments for the fellowship gathering on the **final day of the Novena**, **Wednesday December 23**. For more information or to sponsor a Novena evening, please contact the parish office at 416-757-2806. All are welcome!



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2027



The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2027 are being prepare kindly update the parish office for any changes in your household information. Registered parishioners are encouraged to notify the Church office of any changes to their contact information. New parishioners are encouraged to register and request donations envelopes so that they can receive a tax receipt for their Sunday offering. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



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