

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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cwl.olof@gmail.com

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Auxiliary Circle - every 2nd Sun. @ 1:30 p.m.

The Lord's Flock Prayer Group

Every Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Jun & Cynthia 416-916-1577

Missionaries Family of Christ - every 3rd 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 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 and Friday (except First Friday) 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - Rosary, Devotions & Mass 6:30 p.m.

Holidays & Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

First Friday (1 Mass) 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:

All First Friday at 5:30 pm, All Wednesday at 5:30-6:50 p.m. and All Saturday at 3:30-4:20 p.m. for emergency please call the office.

OFFICE HOURS:


Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00 pm

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 online 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, January 22
 9:00 a.m. +Josefino Portillano
 10:30 a.m. Consalas Maristala (I) Thanksgiving
 12:15 p.m. +Tom McDermott

Monday, January 23
 No Mass

Tuesday, January 24
 8:00 a.m. +Braulio De Lima

Wednesday, January 25
 7:00 p.m. +Miriam Vella

Thursday, January 26
 8:00 a.m. +Robert Morris

Friday, January 27
 8:00 a.m. Fe C. Pingol (I) Thanksgiving

Saturday, January 28
 9:00 a.m. +Ruby Counsel
 4:30 p.m. +Dante Almacen

3rd Sunday in OT - January 22, 2023

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Rev. Fr. Glass** at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.



Next Week Readings

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

1st Reading: Zaphaniah 2.3;3.12-13

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1.26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Labouring for the Steward’s Great Reward

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Natural things have natural causes.

We can never give too great prominence to the Scholastic principle that God himself never does directly what may be achieved through created causality. — Abbot Anscar Vonier (1920)

I recently came across a book by the prolific science writer Stephen Jay Gould. In this book, *Rock of Ages*, he proposes that science and religion can peacefully co-exist since they each have their own separate sphere of influence: science deals with the natural world, whereas religion deals with morality. The blurb on the book jacket calls this is a ‘thought-provoking concept’: “Instead of choosing between science and religion, why not opt for a golden mean that accords dignity and distinction to each realm?”

Gould admits that this idea is “a blessedly simple and entirely conventional resolution.” Indeed, it is the traditional Catholic understanding: Science is the knowledge of the causes of things; natural things have natural causes.

The study of natural causes is perfectly consistent with the Christian religion. The Book of Wisdom states that God has “arranged all things by measure and number and weight.” Christians believe that nature follows immutable laws that can be discovered through rational inquiry. Many of the greatest contributions to science have been made by people of faith: Copernicus, Newton, Faraday, Maxwell, Mendel, and others too numerous to mention. Pope Leo XIII, writing in 1900, stated that faith has nothing to fear from any intellectual pursuit: “There is no class of study, no progress in human knowledge, which cannot fully harmonize with Catholic doctrine and teaching.”

Gould, to his credit, recognizes “two components of wisdom in a full human life: our drive to understand the factual character of nature (the realm of science), and our need to define meaning in our lives and the moral basis for our actions (the realm of religion).” Since Nature ‘greet us with sublime indifference,’ we must “search for meaning in a place both maximally impenetrable and closest to home — within our own frail being.” Gould’s firm commitment to atheism cannot get him farther than that.

Science deals with what Gould calls a ‘morally neutral world.’ Atheists are mostly harmless as long as they stick to ‘natural things’ and ‘natural causes.’ The attempt by atheists to explain *everything* as a result of natural causes obscures the line between ‘good’ and ‘evil.’ Indeed, those words cease to have any objective meaning.

The natural sciences give us valuable insight into the realm of natural causes. The real question is whether reality is just an accidental arrangement of atoms, or whether, as the great Dominican theologian, Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange never tired of saying: “Reality, as God made it, is far richer than all our limited and narrow conceptions.”



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2022 – Apr. 2023



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program – a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for anyone wishing to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith – in our church hall. Sessions will continue on the following **Saturday's, January 28 & February 04, 11.** If you have any question contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023



The Children's Liturgy meetings and **First Holy Communion** classes will also continue every **Sunday's January 22, 29 & February 05, 12, 2023.** *First reconciliation is postponed until further notice.* Details **Confirmation Sessions** will be announced in. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS 2022

Tax receipts records have now been submitted for printing. Mailing is expected to occur beginning on January 19, with a target date of February 10th for all the parishioners to receive their tax receipts in hand. If you have any questions, feel free to email taxreceipt@archtoronto.org. Thank you for your support throughout the year! May God reward you for your generosity.



During all Masses next weekend [February 04/05] we have a second collection – **THE FUEL OFFERING.** This is a once yearly collection [in the heart of winter] to off-set our heating bills.



Baptism Preparation For January 2023

A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for next Saturday's baptism, will take place *on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm* in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on *Saturday, February 04, 2023 at 10:30 am.*



MARRIAGE SUNDAY The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate **MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2023** in the weekend of February 11/12

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service 2023



Sunday, January 22, 2023 04:00 - 05:00 pm. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9)

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Ukrainian Christmas Concert

Sunday, January 22, 2023 02:15 - 04:15 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto

Vesnivka Choir dedicates this Christmas concert to Ukrainian refugees who will be celebrating their *first Christmas in Toronto and the GTA.* Featuring Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America. Special guest St. Michael's Choir School. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.



REGISTER: [UkrainianChristmasConcert.eventbrite.ca](https://ukrainianchristmasconcert.eventbrite.ca)
WEBSITE: <http://www.vesnivka.com/>

Feast of the PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – (Candlemas) Thursday, February 2nd 2023

There is a morning Mass at 8:00 as usual.



O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide, pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful the brilliance of perpetual light, so that all who are brightened in your holy temple by the splendor

of these candles may happily reach the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Valentine Dinner & Dance 2023
Saturday, 11 February 2023 at 5:30pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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