

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 Monday @7:00 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

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Catholic Women's League - every 1st Sat. @ 2:00 p.m.

cwl.olof@gmail.com

Legion of Mary - Praesidium - every Sat. @ 10:00 a.m.

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:

First Saturdays: : 9:45 - 10:30 am & 3:40 - 4:25 pm

Or call the Office for appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m - 12:00 Noon, 1:00 pm - 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 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 09

- 9:00 a.m. +Gail Fernandes
10:30 a.m. +Benjamin & Beatriz Remigio
12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 11

- 8:00 a.m. +Martin Prendergast

Wednesday, January 12

- 7:00 p.m. Benjamin & Marlene Balallo (I) Wed. Ann.

Thursday, January 13

- 8:00 a.m. +Encarnacion Deang

Friday, January 14

- 7:00 p.m. Albert San Juan (I) Birthday

Saturday, January 15

- 9:00 a.m. +Salvatore Melca
4:30 p.m. +Adelaida Esmas

The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22 - The Baptism of Jesus

Becoming Role Models

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.



Firstly, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship,

Summary

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we should first realize that Jesus didn't need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandal others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

The Baptism of the Lord - January 09, 2022



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation

Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Rev. Fr. Mark Robson at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?

Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information new address or new phone number or added members to your household! Thank you for your cooperation.



Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2021.



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2022



The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2022 are ready for pick up. They are sorted in trays in alphabetical order according to the family's **last name**.

Registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. **New** parishioners are encouraged to register and get their personal box number so that contributions will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year. Updated information is always a great help to the office. *Thank you.*

CONFIRMATION 2021-2022

All students for **CONFIRMATION 2021-2022 Grade 7 & Grade 8** are now welcome to register for confirmation. Please submit your applications to the office. Due to the current situation, *classes will not begin in January*. Please see future bulletins and parish alerts for further details.



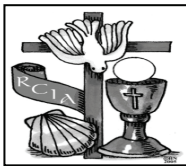
First Holy Communion 2021-2022

Due to the current situation, First communion classes *will not be taking place until further notice*. Mass participation is still highly encouraged. Please follow health protocol such as social distancing, wear a mask when coming to church. Thank you for your co-operation.



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2021 – Apr. 2022

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program *will not be taking place until further notice*. If you have any questions please contact the parish at 416-757-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.



Are you new in our parish?

You are most welcome to register your family with us. We are very grateful to new parishioners who have done so already, and to those who updated their records. We thank all for your constant help and support. Come and pick up a form from our office Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or download a form from our website: www.fatimasc@archtoronto.org or email us at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org. Thank you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2022

Sunday, January 23, 2022 04:00 - 05:00 PM



“We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him.”(Mt.2:2)

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough.

Join 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 jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch. For details, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3Gm0CZj>

Prayer In Time of COVID

by: Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop, Central Region, Archdiocese of Toronto

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick,
comfort and hope to the dying,
eternal peace for those who have died,
strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions. Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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