

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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Rev. Fr. Glass

## OFFICE STAFF:

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @7:00 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, [maritess8@hotmail.com](mailto:maritess8@hotmail.com)

### *Knights of Columbus - Second Thursday @ 7:15 p.m.*

Frank Grech (GK) 416-424-2111

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### *Catholic Women's League - every 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. @ 2:00 p.m.*

[cwl.olof@gmail.com](mailto:cwl.olof@gmail.com)

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

Auxiliary Circle - every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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, November 27

- 9:00 a.m. +Primo Antao
- 10:30 a.m. +Andrew Reyes  
All Souls in Remembrance Book
- 12:15 p.m. Elizabeth Anne Burt

Monday, November 28

No Mass

Tuesday, November 29

- 8:00 a.m. Brian Hassan (I) Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 30

- 7:00 p.m. +Armando Mairena

Thursday, December 01

- 8:00 a.m. +Antonio Reda

Friday, December 02

- 7:00 p.m. +Asuncion B. Agaloos

Saturday, December 03

- 9:00 a.m. +Rodney Fernandes
- 4:30 p.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes

1st Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022



“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in

Paradise.” If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call 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

Second Sunday of Advent  
Stewardship Examination

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The cause of Christ is ever in its last agony.

The current crisis of the Church is above all a crisis of the faith. We are suffering from the poison of a virulent atheism. It permeates everything. It consists in allowing radically pagan and worldly modes of thinking or living to coexist side by side with faith. This shows that our faith has become diluted and inconsistent! The first reform we need is in our hearts. We must no longer compromise with lies. The Faith is both the treasure we have to defend and the power that will permit us to defend it. — Cardinal Robert Sarah

In the jubilee year of 1900, Pope Leo XIII wrote: “The outlook on the future is by no means free of anxiety.” Since then the Church has survived innumerable crises. Today, in many parts of the world Christians are being actively persecuted. In China the Communist government has set up its own ‘patriotic’ Catholic Church which professes its allegiance to the Communist Party rather than to God. In Europe, where the Church has never been more free and independent, the Christian faith is practically extinct, and prominent Cardinals and Bishops are demanding changes to doctrine and practice, in order to conform the Church to the Spirit of the Age.

The present situation of the Church is certainly dire, but Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against his Church. That promise has been tested countless times in the course of two millennia, but it has never failed. Jesus did not promise that life would be free of troubles. On the contrary, he said: “In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

In the 1800’s, the Church in Europe suffered violent persecution from virulently anti-religious governments. Cardinal Newman, living through that period, wrote:

The whole course of Christianity from first to last is but one series of troubles and disorders. Every century is like every other; and to those who live in it seems worse than all times before it. The Church is ever ailing, and lingers on in weakness, “always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in her body.” Religion seems ever expiring, schisms dominant, the light of Truth dim, its adherents scattered. The cause of Christ is ever in its last agony, as though it were but a question of time whether it fails finally this day or another.

Of course, the Church survived the turmoil of the 19th century and we now regard that century as an Age of Saints: St. John Vianney, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Bernadette, and many others. These Saints were true reformers whom the Holy Spirit used to revitalize the Church in one of her darkest hours. They did so not by compromising with the Spirit of the Age, but by holding fast to the Spirit of Truth.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023

The Children's Liturgy meetings will continue this *Sunday, October 30 along with the First Holy Communion Classes*, during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome. Details **Confirmation Sessions** will be announced in December. Thank you.



### DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2023

*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. *Complete & updated information is a requirement for the issue of tax receipts & for new boxes.* **Thank you.**



### 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. Next sessions: *Saturdays Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 & 10, at 10am to 11:00am*. 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](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org)



### Help homeless youth through ShareLife



*NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.* Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese. "Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much," says the agency's director. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future." Our goal this year is **\$34,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**The Christmas Collection**  
*next weekend Dec 03/04*  
**We count on your support ... God bless**



**Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:**  
*† Julia Margaret P. Barit, Edison Robert Roszell, Tristan Rogers Moorgen, & Kayden Jermaine Burry*

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

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... BY: Knight of Columbus

*The prize is an artistic, Nativity Set. the office on weekdays or from volunteers*  
**TICKETS** are selling at 1 for \$5.00  
*One may purchase tickets from at the back of the church after Masses on weekends. The draw will be made on Sunday, December 11, 2022 – in the church – at the end of the 12:15 pm Mass.*  
**Try your luck and support ... the K of C ... Thank you!**



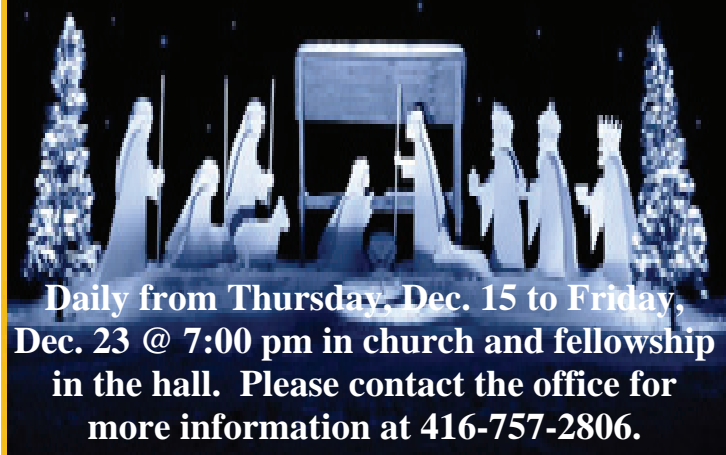
**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – is on December 08, 2022**  
**Masses are at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm**

### Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"



**'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church:**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 14**  
05:30 – 07:00 pm  
07:30 – 09:00 pm  
**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
9:45 – 10:30 am  
3:40 – 04:25 pm

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**  
**Presents: O Come Divine Messiah!**  
**Christmas Novena of prayers, song, Mass & fellowship for parish families.**



**Daily from Thursday, Dec. 15 to Friday, Dec. 23 @ 7:00 pm in church and fellowship in the hall. Please contact the office for more information at 416-757-2806.**

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