

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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PARISH GROUPS:

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Discalced Carmelite Secular Order - O.C.D.S.

Lucia dos Santos Community - every 3rd Monday @7:00 p.m.

Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

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

Frank Grech (GK) 416-424-2111

Paul St. Pierre (DGK) 416-906-8141

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, December 04

- 9:00 a.m. +People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. +Ena & Claudina Dyal
- 12:15 p.m. Caporusso Family (I) Thanksgiving

Monday, December 05

No Mass

Tuesday, December 06

- 8:00 a.m. +Ralph & Zoyla Sheafe

Wednesday, December 07

- 7:00 p.m. +Daisy, Tania & Virginia MacDonald

Thursday, December 08

- 8:00 a.m. +Albert Adams
- 7:00 p.m. Betty McDermott (I) Healing

Friday, December 09

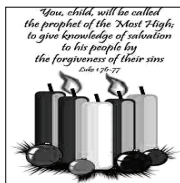
- 8:00 a.m. +Christina, Neville & Raymond Boyce

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. +Vincent, Glenda & Angel Boyce
- 4:30 p.m. +Rene & Cecile Dumas

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 04, 2022

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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
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 Catholic imagination.

Then standing at the door of the temple, Catherine reasoned at length with the Emperor, using every sort of argument, syllogistic, allegorical, metaphorical, logical and transcendental. — The Golden Legend.

St. Catherine of Alexandria is one of my favorite Saints. I first encountered her when I was living in St. Catharines, where the Cathedral is dedicated to her. This Cathedral, by the way, has now been beautifully restored. Later, I came across her story in ‘The Golden Legend’, a medieval collection of the lives of the Saints.

Catherine, we are told, is a young Christian woman of noble birth who, in the early 4th century, confronts the Emperor Maxentius on the steps of the pagan temple. Having no answer to her arguments against paganism, he sends for fifty wise men to debate with her. They are all converted. In the end the Emperor is unable to overcome Catherine’s wisdom and eloquence, and he has her killed. This account of the life and martyrdom of St. Catherine is legend rather than history. Yet, her story has always been a rich source for the religious and artistic imagination.

After the Second Vatican Council, in the 1960’s, the Liturgical Calendar was reformed. Sadly, the reform was put into the hands of those for whom everything must be strictly logical and literal. Any Saint who lacked a firm historical basis was eliminated, including Catherine, Christopher, and Valentine. An exception was made for the Saints mentioned in the Mass, e.g., Lucy and Cecilia.

C. S. Lewis once described religions as being like soup, being either ‘clear’ or ‘thick.’ Some are philosophical and intellectual: clear broth. Others are rich in mythology and symbolism: thick minestrone. Lewis notes that Christianity is both. We have both intellectual clarity of St. Thomas Aquinas, and the rich mysticism of Julian of Norwich.

The Christian imagination also abounds with legendary tales: St. Christopher carrying the Christ child across the river on his shoulder; St. Nicholas secretly giving gifts to those in need. The loss of these stories makes us poorer. Yes, there is a difference between fact and fiction, but we are capable of making that distinction. We can say, “Here is what we know historically about the Saint,” and “Here is the legend that is told about him.” Catholic culture has always allowed wide scope for the imagination.

St. Catherine, for me, is a great model of the evangelist and preacher. When she confronts the Emperor, she does so boldly, and she pulls out all the stops. Her arguments are not only ‘syllogistic,’ and ‘logical,’ but also ‘allegorical,’ ‘metaphorical,’ and ‘transcendental.’

Thankfully, Pope John Paul II rescued St. Catherine from oblivion and reinstated her feast day as an optional memorial on November 25th.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023

The Children's Liturgy meetings will continue this Sunday, December 04, 11 & 18 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.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen.

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. Final sessions: Saturdays Dec. 17 at 10am to 11:00am. Sessions will continue on Saturdays, January 07, 14 & 21, 2023. 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



Living the Gospel 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. Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. Our goal this year is [\$34,000.00]. To date we have achieved [\$27,335.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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

FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

We welcome all offerings of support for the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope, and fill in the requested information [including your regular envelope number, if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt] seal envelope with offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine.

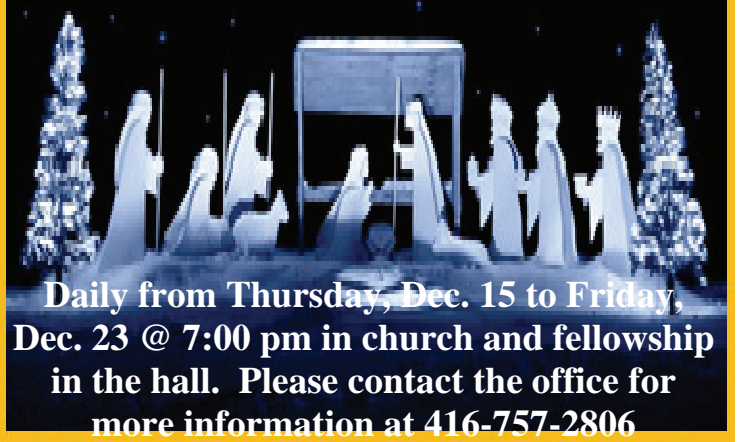


The annual SOCK DRIVE by the Knights of Columbus continues throughout the four weeks of Advent. The CHRISTMAS raffles are also on sale at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting these charitable initiatives.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2022 Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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



Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Usual Mass times

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:00 am. Saturday 9:00 am.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Devotions begin at 6:30pm)

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

Christmas Novena Masses

(In addition to the regularly scheduled Mass)

- (1) Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm
- (2) Friday, December 16, 7:00 pm
- (3) Saturday, December 17, 4:30 pm (with regular Mass)
- (4) Sunday, December 18, 12:15 pm (with regular Mass)
- (5) Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm
- (6) Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm
- (7) Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm (with regular Mass)
- (8) Thursday, December 22, 7:00 pm
- (9) Friday, December 23, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th

(No morning Mass)

6:00 pm — 9:00 pm — 12:00 midnight

(Carols begin half hour before each Mass)

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am — 10:30 am — 12:15 pm

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st

9:00 am (Mass for the Saturday)

4:30 pm — Mass for New Year's Sunday

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st

9:00 am — 10:30 am — 12:15 pm

No Mass on Monday, January 2nd

The Parish Office will be closed on December 26 & 27, and January 2.

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