

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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Our Lady of Fatima School

3176 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5252

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3395 St. Clair Avenue East 416-393-5292

PARISH GROUPS:

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline) 416-757-9561

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Contact: Teresa Casino, maritess8@hotmail.com

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Frank Grech (GK) 416-424-2111

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

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:

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 11

- 9:00 a.m. +James & Irene Hassan
- 10:30 a.m. +Mark Hobson
- 12:15 p.m. +Lillian B. Inosanto

Monday, December 12

No Mass

Tuesday, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. +Pascual San Juan Jr.

Wednesday, December 14

- 7:00 p.m. +Everest Belgrave

Thursday, December 15

- 8:00 a.m. +Saluzin & Irene De Sequiera
- 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Novena 1**

Friday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. +Tom Lozanouski
- 7:00 pm **Christmas Novena 2**

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 a.m. Eduardo Banawa (I) Thanksgiving
- 4:30 p.m. +Benjamin & Tomasa Balallo
& Christmas Novena 3

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Gaudete Sunday — Rejoice in the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord, always. Again, I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. — Introit for 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Cardinal Vincenzo Pecci was already an old man of 68 years when he was elected Pope in 1878, taking the name Pope Leo XIII. Contrary to expectation, his was a long and productive papacy, ending with his death in 1903, at age 93.

Pope Leo was firmly grounded in reality. “Nothing is more useful,” he said, “than to see things as they truly are.” His encyclical for the jubilee year of 1900 looks forward to the coming century with both trepidation and hope. He does not pretend that life is always going to be easy:

To bear and to suffer is the ordinary condition of man. Man can no more create for himself a life free from suffering and filled with all happiness that he can abrogate the decrees of his Divine Maker, who has willed that the consequences of original sin should be perpetual. It is reasonable, therefore, not to expect an end to troubles in this world, but rather to steel one's soul to bear troubles, by which we are taught to look forward with certainty to supreme happiness.

I find these words to be a source of encouragement. We need courage to deal with the troubles that come upon us. So often, when troubles come, we blame God. But God does not cause our troubles. God can no more be the cause of evil than light can be the cause of darkness.

When families go through trials, the pressure can drive them more closely together, or it can drive them apart, thus compounding the tragedy. This same dynamic can happen in our relationship with God. Some people, when overcome by trials, turn away from God and shut him out of their lives, while others draw even closer to Him. Those who lean on God are given the strength to endure.

Even though God may not prevent suffering, he is not indifferent to our suffering. He never abandons us. As God says to us through the prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, he who formed you: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; ... You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.

In the familiar poem *Footprints in the Sand*, a man looks back on the journey of his life and sees Christ's footprints beside his own — but he notices that during the most difficult times there is only one set of footprints. Why, he asks, did the Lord abandon him at those times? Christ replies: “I never left you. It was then that I carried you.” This is our reason for rejoicing. That even in our darkest hours, God is with us, carrying us through.

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022



“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

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Making Room for Jesus

1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023

The Children's Liturgy meetings will continue this Sunday, December 18 along with the First Holy Communion Classes, during the 10:30 am Mass, this will be the final meeting before the Christmas Holidays.



Details Confirmation Sessions will be announced after Christmas celebration. Thank you and wishing you & your family a safe break.

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 session before Christmas break is on Saturdays December 17, at 10am to 11:00am. See you after New Year!



School Mass for December

OLF School - Advent Mass

Wed. December 14, 2022 at 9:00 am

St. Joachim School - Advent Mass

Thurs. December 15, 2022 at 9:30 am

Wishing all staff and student a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!



Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools



Registrations in the schools start January 03, 2023 at 10.00 am. Parents with children born in 2019 or earlier who will be enrolling in Kindergarten have the opportunity to apply on-line using the Student On-line Admission and Registration platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://spar.tcdsb.org>. The on-line application offers access to translations in different languages, 24 hours a day, and with built-in help functions and features. For more details contact the school office.

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

3:30 – 04:20 pm

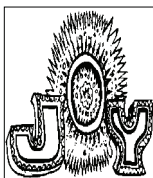
For emergency please call the office.

St. John of the Cross- Stillness of Soul

O Blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. St. John of the Cross please pray for us.



Thank you very much from ...



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

to all parishioners for your generous support to the GIFT OFFERING in church during Advent. God reward you abundantly for your generosity!

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

✠ Isabelle Jia Mercer

& Lincoln Ivler Lumbes

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

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 goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." –

Cardinal Thomas Collins.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Presents: O Come Divine Messiah!
Christmas Novena of prayers, song,
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