

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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Our Lady of Fatima School

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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 3rd Tues. @ 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

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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:

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 08

9:00 a.m. +Victoria Montermayor

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

12:15 p.m. +Dolores Magtuba

Monday, January 09

No Mass

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Flanny Alampambil (I)

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 p.m. +Mercia Angela Barbosa

Thursday, January 12

8:00 a.m. +Anne Alampambil

Friday, January 13

7:00 p.m. +Rhoda R. Alfonso (I) Healing

Saturday, January 14

9:00 a.m. +Chacko Alampambil

4:30 p.m. +Haddas Hailemakaile

& +Tsigeweyn Medhani

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 08, 2023

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org** or call **Rev. Glass** at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.



Next Week Readings

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Baptized into Stewardship

1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4.6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Faith and doubt.

He was told that our highest state in this life is one of doubt. What did this mean? Surely certainty was simply necessary on some points. How could we worship what we doubted of? In spite of this, he was told that there was “impatience” in the very idea of desiring certainty.

— Cardinal Newman, *Loss and Gain*

There seems to be a great deal of confusion on this matter of faith and doubt. I have even heard a priest in a homily say that faith and doubt must always go together. Or as I recently read: “Every person I have ever met, including theologians and devout church-goers, has occasional doubts about God. Without doubt, there can be no true faith since faith requires some element of uncertainty.”

It is impossible to reconcile this view with the Catholic definition of faith: “Faith is that supernatural virtue by which, through the help of God and through the assistance of His grace, we believe what He has revealed to be true, not on account of the intrinsic truth perceived by the natural light of reason, but because of the authority of God Himself, the Revealer, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.” Faith is a certainty that is the very opposite of doubt.

What we often call ‘doubt’ is really not doubt at all, but rather the ‘obscurity of faith.’ As St. Francis de Sales says:

When God gives us faith, our understanding consents to the truth without any doubt or distrust, and here lies the marvel: for God proposes the mystery of faith to our souls amid obscurities and darkness. And yet, this obscure light of faith enters our spirit with a certitude that surpasses all other certitudes.

Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, the great Dominican theologian, further explains:

Faith is obscure because it makes us adhere to mysteries we do not see. But these mysteries greatly illumine our intellect, since they reveal to us the goodness of God, who created us and raised us to the life of grace. Faith enlightens us somewhat like the night, which, though surrounding us with shadows, allows us to see the stars. That we may see the stars, the sun must hide, night must begin. Amazingly, in the obscurity of night we see to a far greater distance than in the day; we see even the distant stars, which reveal to us the immense expanse of the heavens.

According to St. Paul: “For now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know, even as also I am known.” This obscurity of faith should not be confused with doubt. In this life it is not always possible to discern God’s providence, and we all face challenges and difficulties which may test our faith, but again quoting Cardinal Newman: “Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt.”



Baptism Preparation For January 2023

A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for next Saturday's baptism, will take place *on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm* in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on *Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10:30 am.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings and **First Holy Communion classes** will resume today *Sunday January 08, 15 & 22, 2023.* All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome. Details **Confirmation Sessions** will be announced later this week. 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. Sessions are back again next *Saturday, January 14, & 21,* 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



Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague

– *Wednesday, January 11, 2023*
Adoration, prayers and Benediction start at 6:00 pm. The usual Fatima devotions follow at 6:30 pm and then sung holy Mass. This is followed by a time of get together and fellowship in the hall.



LUCIA DOS SANTOS OCDS COMMUNITY

The community's monthly meeting is on *Tuesday, January 17, 2023* in the church hall. The community meeting starts at 7:00 pm.



Wholeness and Holiness

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering EASTERN REGION *Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST*

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Fitness & Fun

Join us for *Weekly Line Dancing* in Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Church Hall Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 – 7:30 pm Starting on Tuesday, January 03, 2023

Beginner or Pro come out and shake a leg, have fun and meet new friends.

Stay for a while or stay the whole time

- It's up to you.

Admission \$5.00 per week

Proceeds to OLF Renovation Fund
Hosted by OLF Social Committee
Contact: Irene Hilden @ 416-751-7715



Kindergarten Registration

Registrations in the schools start *Wednesday, January 25, 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>, email: soar.support@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.

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