

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.

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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 15

9:00 a.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes

10:30 a.m. +Henry Dupo

12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 16

No Mass

Tuesday, January 17

8:00 a.m. +Anna Vadaboot

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 p.m. +Marta M. Pingol

Thursday, January 19

8:00 a.m. +Rosario C. Rodulfo

Friday, January 20

8:00 a.m. +Jean Conforzi

Saturday, January 21

9:00 a.m. +Marcial Mallari

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

2nd Sunday in OT - January 15, 2023



We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called 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. Fr. Glass at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heeding the Call of Christ

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry & Calls the First Disciples

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Hawking vs Augustine on creation in time.

When men withdraw their intellect from divine truths they thus limit it within a narrower circle of knowledge. This is why we often see men of great intellectual power and erudition making the grossest blunders even in natural science. — Pope Leo XIII

The existence of God can be proved in three words: 'nihil sine causa' — nothing without a cause. To say that something 'just happens' without a cause is irrational. This applies to the coming into being of the universe.

The late Stephen Hawking, a brilliant physicist, opened a lecture on the origins of the universe this way:

If one believes that the universe had a beginning, the obvious question is, "What happened before the beginning?" What was God doing before He made the world? Was He preparing Hell for people who asked such questions?

He answers the question in his posthumously published book, Brief Answers to the Big Questions:

You cannot get to a time before the Big Bang, because there was no time before the Big Bang. Since time itself began at the moment of the Big Bang, it was an event that could not have been caused or created by anyone or anything. So when people ask me if a god created the universe, I tell them the question itself makes no sense. Time did not exist before the Big Bang, so there is no time for God to make the universe in.

My great saint, St. Augustine, in his most famous work, The Confessions, also answers the question, "What was God doing before he created the universe?"

My response is not: "He was preparing Hell for those who ask impertinent questions." It is one thing to make fun of the questioner and another to find the answer.

A foolish person might wonder why God should have allowed countless ages to elapse before he finally undertook the vast work of creation. But his wonder is based on a misconception. How could those countless ages have elapsed when You, the Creator, in whom all ages have their origin, had not yet created them? What time could there have been that was not created by You? How could time elapse if it never was?

You are the maker of all time. If then there was any time before You made heaven and earth, how can anyone say You were idle? You must have made that time, for time could not elapse before You made it.

If there was no time before the universe was created, how could anyone ask what You were doing before "then"? If there was no time, there was no "then."

Hawking unwittingly repeats Augustine's quip about God 'preparing Hell' while being ignorant of what follows. As they say: "Atheism is easy to refute, but hard to cure."



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023



The Children's Liturgy meetings and First Holy Communion classes will continue their sessions this following Sunday's January 15 22 & 29, 2023.

All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome. Details Confirmation Sessions will be announced later.

TCDSB Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, January 25, 2022 – 10 a.m. EST Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. Students develop a positive attitude about themselves and others, become more independent and responsible, develop self-regulation skills and appropriate social skills and solve problems. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for the 2023-2024 school year. Children born in 2019 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2023.

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 this Saturday's, January 14, & 21 & 28, 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



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2023



We thank 'new parishioners' who have recently registered their family with us and requested a box of Donation Envelopes for 2023. Their gesture is greatly appreciated and we are very grateful for their support. Families who have recently moved to our area and wish to be registered here with the Our Lady of Fatima Parish are encouraged to visit or call the parish office at 416-757-2806 at their earliest convenience. We would like to have our records updated by January 15 for preparing the tax receipt 2022.

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

Get more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Read more by visiting our website: www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org and downloading an application form. Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2022. Thank you.



Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

✠ Olivia Giuseppina Ciccarella & Sara Constance Ciccarella

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service 2023

On Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 73 Simcoe St. (King St. West)



Toronto, Ontario M5J 1W9. This year's message of Isaiah 1:17, "Do good; seek justice" inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church. 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>

St. Valentine Dinner & Dance

Saturday, 11 February 2023 at 5:30pm



Our Lady of Fatima Parish 3170 St. Clair Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario M1L 1V6



Tickets: 25.00 per person

Please invite your family and friends for a fun night! Hope to see all there!

There is a second collection –

THE FUEL OFFERING –

on weekend of February 04/05 during all Masses. The recent coldweather has increased our fuel bills. This is a yearly collection [in the heart of winter] when heating is imperative! Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Marriage Sunday 2023

A celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Mass with the Bishop Vincent Nguyen on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 2:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St. Toronto, Ontario. Special recognition for married couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ anniversaries in 2023. Everyone is required to register as seating is limited. Designated seating available for milestone anniversary couples only. Visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage for more information and registration. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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