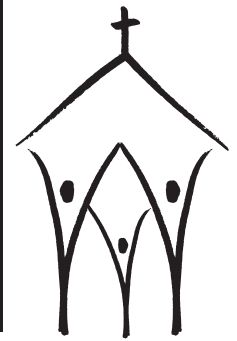


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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Terence Dias - Pastor  
Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate  
Gloria Noronha, Parish Secretary

## OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Baptisms: 1:00 p.m.

### Weekday Eucharist

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 8:00 a.m.  
Every First Friday of the Month: 8:00 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. Mass  
Wednesdays & Saturdays: 9:15 a.m.  
Rosary Saturdays at 8:45 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
and anytime by request.

## Baptisms

Contact the parish office even before the birth  
for preparation and arrangements.

## Marriages

By appointment with at least one year notice to  
permit adequate preparation.

## Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins

Please notify the office  
if a family member is in hospital or confined  
to the home.

## Holy Orders

For information contact Fr. Chris Lemieux  
416-968-0997 or [www.vocations.ca](http://www.vocations.ca)

## Parish Schools

St. Dominic's Elementary 905-278-9821  
Queen of Heaven Elementary 905-278-9771  
St. Paul's Secondary 905-278-3994  
Archbishop Romero School 416-393-5555

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to the pastoral staff and others and  
complete a registration form located in the vestibule of the Church.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Doris Zammit & Fatima Amaral
Altar Servers	Gia and Gerson D'souza
Baptism Ministry	Fr. Terence Dias
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Silvana Altomare
Coffee Ministry	Joyce Varriano
Collection Counters	Michelle Gal-Chalmers
Confirmation Preparation	Beverly O'Grady
Finance Council	Fr. Terence Dias
First Eucharist and	
First Reconciliation Preparation	Beverly O'Grady
Funeral Ministry	Gloria Noronha
General Church Maintenance	Michael Spadafora & Sergio Iavicoli
Kitchen Coordinator	Laura Cordovado
Knights of Columbus	Paul Horbatiuk
Marriage Rehearsal	Marian Yuill
Ministers of Eucharist	Fiona Pereira
Ministry of Music (SATB Choir)	Brian Bonnici
(Folk Choir)	Sean Bator
Ministers of the Word	Virginia Ittig-Deland
Ministers of Welcome	Gary MacDonald
Social Justice Education	Carlos Diaz
Spiritual Direction	Beverly O'Grady
Pastoral Council	
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation	Barbara-Anne Krampert
for Adults)	
ShareLife	Fr. Terence Dias
St. Vincent de Paul	Margaret Ramsay
Youth Ministry	





**Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30AM – Mass  
11:30AM – Jose Rocha✠  
– Maria Gruber✠  
– Filomena Bednarczyk✠

**Monday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Lucy**  
7:00PM – Juliana Dias✠

**Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. John of the Cross**  
9:15AM – Juliana Dias✠

**Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**  
7:00PM – Cathal Boyd✠  
– Deceased members of Boyd  
and Comac family✠

**Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**  
8:00AM – Private Intentions

**Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**  
9:15AM – Zelia Soares✠  
5:00PM – Juliana Dias✠



- **SATB Choir Practice**  
7:00PM every Monday
- **Folk Choir Practice**  
7:30PM every Wednesday



### Third Sunday of Advent

#### REFLECTIONS

*Readings:*  
*Isaiah 35.1-6a,10*  
*James 5.7-10*  
*Mathew 11.2-11*

Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudate Sunday, meaning Sunday of joy. The joy we are talking about is not “feeling good” because of possession of worldly things. One can lack material things and still filled with joy. One may be encountering certain deprivations of life yet filled with joy. One can be physically sick but filled with joy. One can be physically challenged but filled with joy and even more joyful than those physically whole. One can have all worldly possessions but has no joy. What therefore is this joy? It is what Nehemiah the prophet calls the joy of the Lord which is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). It is joy from above. This joy is the gladness of heart that comes from knowing God and surrendering to him, knowing Jesus and trusting and abiding in him, and being guided by the inspiration and promptings of the Holy Spirit. This implies that the individual is spiritually alive and sound. Despite all afflictions of life and against all odds, the individual remains steadfast, endures and unshakable in his or her faith.

In John 16:22 Jesus tells his disciples, “So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” Believe Jesus when he says, “I will see you again.” What is it that has taken your joy from you, write it down in a piece of paper and drop it in the intention box and say to Jesus: this is it: Jesus see my blindness, see my lameness, see my leprosy, see my deafness, see my death, see my bad news, see my prison. Strengthen my hands that are feeble, my knees that are weak and my heart that is frightened. Restore your joy again in my life, in my family, in my marriage, in my workplace, in my engagement, in my future. May your joy be my strength. Amen

*Fr. Terry*

#### PARISH VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Thank you to all our parish volunteers who assist us in the many ministries that support our community here at St. Dominics. Thank you also to our new volunteers who came forth at our Recent Ministry Fair to share their talents too.

As you are aware the Archdiocese of Toronto has implemented Volunteer Screening to protect the people with whom we assist in our parish ministry but also for our own protection. Anyone coming into a new ministry must first complete either a General or High-Risk Contact Information form prior to beginning to assist in their ministry. Those who volunteer in High-Risk Ministries must complete a Sterling Online Police Check as well as have an interview by the Parish Team. No volunteer can start to participate in a ministry unless they have submitted their forms to the office. Once the names are checked with the database a team member will send their name to the Volunteer Leaders who will welcome them to begin volunteering in our community.

The Volunteer Team has sent out emails to the Ministry Leaders and to the new volunteers.

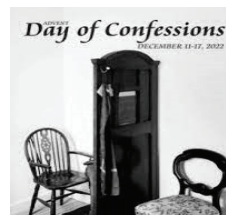
We would like to have all the Contact Forms and Sterling Police Checks completed and returned by **December 15, 2022**, to the parish office.

The St. Dominic's Parish Community is enlivened by the support and time of our many volunteers.

#### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Advent Day of Confessions for St. Dominic Parish will be on **Dec 13, 2022**

- 6:00pm to 8:00pm.



**December 11<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANATONE SALE**

Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettoni after each of the Masses on the Advent Weekends- December 10-11, and December 17-18. The cost is \$20.00.

**JOIN OUR CHOIR**

If you are a soprano, an alto, a tenor, or a bass, you are welcome to join. Also, if you are a musician (guitar, piano, bass, etc.) please come and speak to the choir director.

**High School Students** - If you are looking for community service hours, singing and/or playing with the choir will count towards your total hours, and I will gladly sign your documents.

As we will be singing without masks, it is requested that all members be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Please contact the choir director, Séan, at [sean.bator@alumni.utoronto.ca](mailto:sean.bator@alumni.utoronto.ca) for more information.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2023**

Our Confirmation Program is a six-week on-line program designed for candidates and parents to attend together. Please register on-line through our Parish Website <https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic.**

**Parents and Candidates must attend** an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**

The cost of the program is \$65 and there is a Paypal link on the registration form. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Information Meeting or to send a scan to [confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com) For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Eucharistic Ministry sign up sheets for Christmas and New Years duties are posted in the Sacristy. Please take a moment to sign up for one of the Masses.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

**Offering Envelopes**



In the coming year 2023, we will be reducing our offertory envelopes from 500 to 400.

Parishioners using envelopes in the **500** series this year are requested to come to the office at your earliest convenience and take a new number. Please do not use the new numbers till 2023.

When using a new number for the first time please ensure you write your full name and address so we can verify and update the information in our system.

If you would like to be on Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, please let us know at the office.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve – No Morning Mass**

- 5:00PM
- 7:00Pm
- 9:30PM
- 12:00AM

**Christmas Day**

- 9:30AM
- 11:30 AM

**New Year's Mass Schedule:**

**New Year's Eve –**

- 5:00PM

**New Year's Day**

- 9:30AM
- 11:30 AM



**Seniors' Group**

Our Seniors' Group has started. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
  - Engage in lively conversations,
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Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall

Refreshments are provided.



All are welcome!

**RCIA**

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



**ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME**

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch.

**SUNDAY MISSALS 2023**

St. Joseph's Sunday Missals for 2023 are available at the parish office for \$5.

**LET US PRAY**

**For the Sick:**

We pray for all the sick in our community.



**For the Deceased:**

Theresa O'Reilly†  
George Sliwa†  
Joao Anacleto†

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Weekend Dec 4, 2022**

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