## A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

# St. Dominic ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

#### **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 Diana Padzik 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) Daniel D'Amario

(Folk Choir) Sean Bator

Ministers of the Word Virginia Ittig-Deland
Ministers of Welcome Gary MacDonald
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









#### Sunday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

9:30AM – Mass 11:30AM – Ricardo Sungaむ

Monday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*NO MASS

Tuesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> St. John Bosco

7:00PM - Mass Available

Wednesday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Ferial

9:15AM - Mass Available

Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>
The Presentation of the
Lord

7:00PM - Mass Available

## Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Ferial

8:00AM - Theresa Kostoff&

6:00PM - Holy Hour

7:00PM - Mass

## Saturday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Ferial

9:15AM - Mass Available

5:00PM - Mass Available



> SATB Choir Practice 7:30PM every Monday

> Folk Choir Practice 7:30PM every Wednesday

## Pastor's Corner

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time REFLECTIONS

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Fr. Terry

#### **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

<u>https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/</u> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic.** 

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 <a href="mailto:confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com">confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com</a>

For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

#### **TAX RECEIPTS 2022**

Tax receipts for the year **2022** is ready for pick up from the parish office. Please drop in on a weekday during the office hours.

Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Office closed from 12:00pm to 1:00pm for lunch.

Office closed on weekends.

#### **DOMINICIAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2023**

The Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites high school students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, and Salt + Light Media.

The theme of the contest is, "A Pathway to the Future," taken from the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity (February 4).

https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-fraternity

This is an opportunity for young learners to explore the theme and appreciate the value of diverse faith traditions. We encourage participants to not only highlight the contest theme but to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

The contest begins on Monday, February 6 and closes on Monday, April 17. The length of the video should not be more than three minutes. For complete contest details, please see the poster at https://bit.ly/3ZF99kF. The video can be submitted at this link: https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest.

#### January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Thank you to all our parish volunteers who assist us in the various ministries that support our community here at St. Dominic's. The Archdiocese has set up a Screening Program for parish volunteers to protect them as well as others who participate in activities at the various parishes. This initiative is implemented by the Archdiocese of Toronto for all parishes. This Volunteer Screening has been created to protect the people with whom we assist in our parish ministry, but also for our own protection as volunteers, especially those who assist in High Risk Ministries, eg. working with children, handling monies. This is one-time necessity and it is for your protection and to ensure those who volunteer are adequately protected by insurance as volunteers.

The Fr. Terry and the Volunteer Team would like to thank all those who have completed their online Sterling Police Check as well as submitting their High or Low Risk forms by email or directly to the parish office.

Those who are new to volunteering and have submitted all their forms will receive a call in the next 2 weeks to set up a time for an interview. Once their references have been checked, they will be informed to begin in the ministry they signed up for. The Ministry Leaders will contact you to put you on a schedule or discuss how their ministry functions in the parish. Some new volunteers who are low risk and have submitted their forms have already begun to volunteer in their preferred ministry.

At this time anyone who counts money or handles money or works with children [Liturgy of the Word for children / Altar Servers] and has not completed their Sterling Online Screening will need to wait until the documentation has been received by the parish before they can continue. Anything that deals with financials and working with minors is a top priority for completing the Online Screening information and submitting your personal volunteer information.

Ministry Leaders who participate in a HR ministry, please also check to see who has completed their forms. This will assist with scheduling or arranging who handles monies at this time.

The St. Dominic's Parish Community is enlivened by the support and time of our many volunteers. If you should have any difficulty filling out forms or need further information do not hesitate to contact the Volunteer team by email or leaving your name at the parish office.

We would like all forms back to the office by **Feb. 1, 2023**. This allows those who have not been able to complete their forms to do so in a timely manner. Thank you to everyone for their support as we assist the Archdiocese of Toronto in collecting the information they are requesting for the database.

#### IN FROM THE COLD - MISSSISSAUG LAKESHORE WARMING CENTRE

Just in the nick of time Clarkson Community Church has received funds from the Region of Peel to host a warming centre on Lakeshore Road at the ChristFirst Church, 151 Lakeshore Rd. West. It will run from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am each night from Jan 13 to March 31, 2023. The maximum number of people using the centre would be 20.

We have heard from centres as far away as Hamilton that people from our area end up in Hamilton when there is no location here.

The funding is very tight and we do not have enough funds to provide breakfast for the homeless people using the centre. I would like to seek donations for items for us to put out at breakfast. The new Provincial guidelines on food serving and handling mean that we cannot cook breakfast without the required licenses, so we are providing individual servings as an alternative.

#### These are the items we need:

juice boxes, sugar, ground coffee both caffeinated and decaffeinated ,hot chocolate mix, tea, herbal tea, plain cereal, muffins or buns, bagels If you would prefer to send a financial donation it costs about \$30 per day to provide breakfast to 20 people. Donate to: <a href="mailto:donations@clarksonchurch.ca">donations@clarksonchurch.ca</a> This is ecumenical outreach and many churches are involved.

Thank you for always listening and for any help you can give!

Please contact Margaret 905 274 7995 if you would like to help.

#### Seniors' Group

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

- Love to play Euchre, and
- Engage in lively conversations,

This is the group for you.

Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall

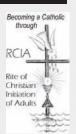
Refreshments are provided.

Fun for Seniors

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.



Vittorio Silvestrit
Eva Lillt
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