

*A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus*

# St. Dominic

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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](http://www.vocations.ca)

## Parish Schools

St. Dominic's Elementary 905-278-9821  
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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
Youth Ministry	





**Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ferial*

9:30AM – Mass  
11:30AM – Helen Sitarski✠  
– Severina Montaibo✠  
– Jose Rocha✠

**Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**  
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**NO MASS**

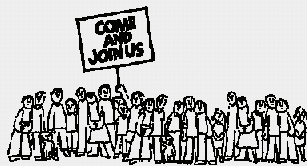
**Tuesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*St. Cyril & St. Methodius*  
7:00PM – Darlene Coyne✠

**Wednesday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ferial*  
9:15AM – Mass

**Thursday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ferial*  
7:00PM – Lorrie Coyne-Clark✠

**Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ferial*  
8:00AM – Special Intentions

**Saturday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ferial*  
9:15AM – Jason Medeiros✠  
5:00PM – Vera Comiskey✠



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



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### REFLECTIONS

Readings:  
Sirach 15:15–20  
1 Corinthians 2:6–10  
Matthew 5:17–37

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of 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 <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.

### 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.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

*Ash Wednesday is Feb 22, 2023. Masses and Distribution of Ashes:*

- 9:15am &
- 7:pm

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are having Pancake Breakfast on Feb 19, 2023 after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Pancakes and syrup along with sausages and fruit cups as well as tea, coffee, and juice will be served.

- Ticket are: \$10.00 for adults,
- \$5.00 for children 5yrs -12yrs, and free for children under 5yrs.

**February 11<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS**

The finance committee presented two new funding campaigns that have been approved by the Archdiocese.

A capital campaign for items such as upgrading the parking lot, the furnace and the parish sound and lighting. Our parish was built in 1955 and some of the items are way overdue for upgrades as the church is almost 70 years old. The parking lot has been cited by the Archdiocese as a potential safety hazard.



The second campaign is a loan repayment initiative. As presented in the 2021 financial statements there are outstanding loans payable to the Archdiocese of \$581,000. The Archdiocese has graciously allowed a matching program for our loan repayment campaign and a dollar for dollar match up to \$200,000. That means if we raise \$200,000, the Archdiocese will match that \$200,000 for a total repayment of \$400,000.

The proceeds of these two campaigns will go directly to supporting St. Dominic's. With the Family of Faith campaign that was started in 2015, only 25% of the amounts went towards St. Dominic's and the remainder went to the Archdiocese. We are hoping parishioners would contribute to these campaigns in the same capacity as they donated to the Family of Faith campaign.

Envelopes for the two campaigns are available at the entrances of the church and we have the ability to take online donations for each of the campaigns if you visit the St. Dominic's website (<https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org>). We are also working on pledge sheets for parishioners that will be distributed in due course.

Working together we can make these two campaigns a success.

**LENT – THE JOURNEY BEGINS**

Lent begins with an invitation from God: "Come back to me, with all your heart" (see Joel 2:12). Our Lenten journey is our response to God's invitation. "Lent" is a shortening of the word "lengthen," used to describe the increasing amount of daylight each day: the harbinger of spring and new life. Spring for many is a time of cleaning, and Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning. We clean out the clutter that has accumulated in our lives to make more room for God and one another.

**Liturgical Math: Counting Forty Days:** Mathematically speaking, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. So how did we get forty? It was developed not by means of math but by theology. Every Sunday is Easter, even during the Lenten season, for every Sunday is a memorial of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When we subtract the six Sundays of Lent from the total we end up with forty.

**Lenten Practices:** Catholics are encouraged in Lent to cultivate three religious practices: *fasting/ abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving*. The purpose of our Lenten practices is to discipline ourselves to be attuned to the activity of God in our lives.

**Fasting/Abstinence:** *Fasting* is making do with less food. The result is a heightened sense of awareness. When we overeat, we have a sluggish feeling. When we fast, we are more alert and open to the activities of God in our lives. Fasting cleanses our bodies and prepares us to pray more deeply

To *abstain* is to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice. Since innumerable people in the world cannot afford to eat meat, our abstaining can put us in solidarity with the hungry and poor of the world.

**Prayer:** *Prayer* describes raising the mind and heart to God or talking with God. Personal prayer is not dependent upon saying the right words or being in the right place. Prayer is as essential as oxygen is for the body. By praying daily, we become conscious of the life breath of God in us every day. As St. Pope John XXIII put it, "Praying is like breathing. A day without prayer is like a sky without the sun, a garden without flowers."

**Almsgiving:** One of the marks of being a disciple of Jesus is giving alms. It is not limited to providing money to our favorite charity but rather the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

As you begin your Lenten journey this year, consider how God may be inviting you to stretch yourself to live out the season more fully.

**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.



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. Volunteer screening and consent forms are mandatory.

**LET US PRAY**

**For the Sick:**

We pray for all the sick in our community.



**For the Deceased:**

Frank Bresolin ✠  
Vittorio Silvestri ✠  
Michael O'Halloran ✠  
Eva Lill ✠

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Weekend Feb 05, 2023**

**Weekly: \$ 3986.00**  
**Loan Repayment: \$ 2020.00**  
**Capital Campaign: \$2125.00**

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