

A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

St. Dominic

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CHURCH



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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Terence Dias - Pastor
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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
Youth Ministry	




Sunday, Feb 19th
Ferial

 9:30AM – Mass
 11:30AM – John Kimko✠

Monday, Feb 20th
Ferial
NO MASS
Tuesday, Feb 21st
Ferial

7:00PM – Alex Giovencos✠

Wednesday, Feb 22nd
Ash Wednesday

 9:15AM – Mass
 7:00PM – Mass

Thursday, Feb 23rd
Ferial

7:00PM – Margaret Coyne✠

Friday, Feb 24th
Ferial

 8:00AM – Mass
 6:30PM – Stations of the Cross
 7:00PM – Mass

Saturday, Feb 25th
Ferial

 9:15AM – Mass
 5:00PM – Deceased members of
 Martino Family✠

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

9:15am & 7:00pm

 ➤ **SATB Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Monday

 ➤ **Folk Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Wednesday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
REFLECTIONS

Readings:
Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18
1 Corinthians 3:16–23
Matthew 5:38–48

This Sunday we hear some of the most difficult teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ. But first, let us reflect a bit about our faith. At the very basis of our faith is a belief in God. Today more and more people don't believe in God at all. Even many people who would call themselves Catholics say that they do not believe in a God. That is difficult to imagine, perhaps, but it is documented in at least one opinion poll. Let us assume for a moment that all of us here believe in God.

We who believe in God also believe that God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. We have our own distinctive creation stories in our Bible, the Holy Scriptures. We believe that God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, to be our Savior. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. This short statement of what we believe, our Creed, is really important today. We want to continue to understand more profoundly what we believe. Only in the context of this belief do the teachings of Jesus make sense. We accept the teachings of Jesus first of all because He is God our Savior.

At the heart of the teachings of Jesus that we hear today are two teachings that are so important in our lives: forgiveness and acceptance of mistreatment. Jesus tells us "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." These teachings are so against our modern ways of thinking! Yes these same teachings would revolutionize our present world if we all lived them. The challenge is not to think to ourselves: "Nobody lives that way." Rather, we can be thinking: "How can I live this way because Jesus has invited me to live this way."

Let us pray today that our hearts might truly be open to forgiveness and to the acceptance of being treated badly. Let us love all of our enemies: the enemies of our country, the enemies of our families, our personal enemies, the enemies of our Church and whatever enemy there is! Let us learn to do good for all of these enemies. Let us bless them and pray for them.

Fr. Terry
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2023 - REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON


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

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. On weekends with the ministers of welcome **Or** drop in on a weekday during the office hours.

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 18th – February 25th, 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

On **Ash Wednesday**, we begin our journey through Lent. Any journey requires light so we can see where we are going. Lent is about journeying with the light of God—a light that no darkness can ever overcome. It is a shortening of the word “lengthen,” used to describe the increasing amount of daylight each day. It describes spring and new life, sap running in trees, buds opening, green grass, daffodils, and tulips popping up

The Custom of Imposing Ashes developed in the early church when the season of Lent was a period for reconciliation for public sinners. The penitents would come to church at the start of Lent wearing a penitential garment, suggesting a sackcloth, a symbol of repentance from the Hebrew Scriptures. They were sprinkled with ashes and ritually dismissed from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to church on Holy Thursday. With time, the dismissing of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained as a reminder and call to penance of all the faithful.

Ashes are also the end product of a fire that has burnt out. They remind us of destruction. When a house is burnt to the ground, or a log is burnt up in a fireplace, a heap of ashes is left behind.

Lent is a time for cleaning up the ashes of our lives. Sometimes, our faith's glowing fire and flame have diminished or burned out. Ash Wednesday, then, and the rest of Lent, is a time to reflect on **what we need to rekindle in our relationship with God and one another.**

From Ashes to Font The message of Ash Wednesday is the call to continuous conversion. We move through Lent from ashes to the baptismal font. We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the waters of the baptismal font at Easter. Moreover, we embrace the need to die to sin and selfishness at the beginning of Lent so we can come to a fuller life in the Risen One at Easter. When ashes are placed on our foreheads, we remember who we are. First, we remember that we are earth creatures (“Remember that you are dust...”). Second, we remember that we are mortal beings (“...and to dust, you will return”). Third, we remember that we are baptized. Fourth, we remember that we are people on a conversion journey (“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”). Finally, we remember that we are members of the Body of Christ, and the smudge on our foreheads will also proclaim that identity to others.



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:

Beverly Carty †
Adele Canonico †
Raul Carvalho †
Frank Bresolin †
Vittorio Silvestri †
Michael O'Halloran †



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend Feb 12, 2023

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