A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

CATHOLIC

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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.

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CHURCH

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild		Doris Zammit & Fatima Amaral
Altar Servers Gia		Gia and Gerson D'souza
Baptism Ministry		Fr. Terence Dias
Children's Liturgy	of the Word	Diana Padzik
Coffee Ministry		Joyce Varriano
Collection Counter	rs	Michelle Gal-Chalmers
Confirmation Prep	aration	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 26th 9:30AM – Mass 11:30AM – Omerina & Livio Silvestri⊕

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Monday, Feb 27th *Ferial* NO MASS

Tuesday, Feb 28th *Ferial* 7:00PM – Laura Krajewski∜

Wednesday, March 1st *Ferial* 9:15AM – Ana & Jose Teixeira&

Thursday, March 2nd *Ferial* 7:00PM – William Coyne ଫ

Friday, March 3rd Ferial 8:00AM – Theresa Kostoff 6:00PM – Holy Hour 6:30PM – Stations of the Cross 7:00PM – Peter Di Tommaso &

Saturday, March 4th *Ferial* 9:15AM – Private Intentions 5:00PM – Anne Bator[®]



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



First Sunday of Lent

REFLECTIONS

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9,16-18, 25; 3. 1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Mathew 4.1-11



The Church invites us to celebrate Jesus Christ the second Adam, who by the power of the Holy Spirit overcame temptation and sin. Through his obedience to the Father's will, Christ restored the world. Therefore, this season calls for great discipline, courage, vigilance, and a strong faith in God.

From this reading, it is evident that temptation in itself is not sin. Sin is a gross act of disobedience against our Creator, and a violation of the natural order of things. It suffices to note the stages that Eve went through before she finally succumbed to Satan. *"The woman saw...that it was desirable for knowledge...She took some of the fruit and ate it."* This is the nature of our daily struggle. It is the problem of the "Id" and "Ego" that we try to satisfy every day. Many of us are so engrossed in our quest for knowledge to the extent that we are ready to go against the will and commandments of God. So, we must guard ourselves against the temptations of the evil one.

In the second reading, Paul traces the origin of sin to *Adam*. He highlighted the consequence of sin: "...*Death spread through the human race because everyone has sinned.*" This means that sin disrupts life and leads to death. It brings fear, hopelessness and shame. The gospel reminds us of the ordeal we go through every day in life. That is, the temptation we face each day. Jesus overcame temptations because the Holy Spirit was with him. He overcame through prayer and fasting.

So, during this season of Lent and beyond, we too must get ourselves prepared for the great journey ahead. We must be firm in prayers, and be watchful so that we do not fall to the temptations of the evil one.

WISHING YOU ALL A JOYFUL & PRAYERFUL HOLY SEASON OF LENT



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

<u>https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/</u> 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 <u>confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com</u>

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.

If your address has changed please notify the office.

February 25th – March 4th, 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.

SHARELIFE



Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife.

ShareLife Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing.

Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year.

LENT

What does it mean to fast? Fasting is making do with less food. The result of not eating so much and getting hungry is that we have a heightened sense of awareness. When we eat too much 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.

When do we fast? In general, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast. This means that on these days we eat only one full meal, with no food between meals. It is understood that if one eats three meals a day the two other meals should not total one full meal. Of course, everyone is free to fast at any other time as an aid for prayer and reflection. Fasting—as opposed to dieting—enhances our hunger for God. Fasting is one of the most ancient practices in Lent.

What does it mean to abstain? 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.

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

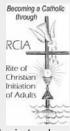
Refreshments are provided.



All are welcome!



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 19, 2023

Weekly: \$ 4649.15 Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$8495.00 Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$3175.00

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the parish.

