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		





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Sunday, May 7th Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30AM – Mass 11:30AM – Deceased members Of Aguiar family – Ela Pahulje

Monday, May 8th *Ferial* NO MASS

Tuesday, May 9th St. Athanasius 6:30PM – Rosary 7:00PM – Laura Krajewski∜

Wednesday, May 10th St. Philip & St. James 8:45AM – Rosary 9:15AM – Mass

Thursday, May 11th *Ferial* 6:30PM – Rosary 7:00PM – Mass

Friday, May 12th *Ferial* 7:30AM – Rosary 8:00AM – Giovanna & Raffaele Lisena (Special Intentions)

Saturday, May 13th St. Francois de Laval, Patron of the Bishops of Canada 8:45PM – Rosary

9:15AM – Patricia & Gerald Thomas ⁴ 5:00PM – Mieczystaw & Anna Kujawski⁴

COFFEE SUNDAY Join us for coffee every Sunday after 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!



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



Fifth Sunday of Easter REFLECTIONS

Readings: Acts 6.1-7 1Peter 2.4-9 John 14.1-12

The Gospel reading of today calls us to reflect on the purpose of life. Purpose can guide our life's decisions, influence our behaviour, shape our goals, offer a sense of direction and create meaning. Purpose for some is connected to vocation, meaningfulness and satisfaction. Questions arise when things we take for granted cause uncertainty. The normal becomes abnormal, we wonder where we are going if anywhere and whether we have any sense of direction. We find ourselves going around in a circle. Profound experience of loss of any kind can make us question our own direction in life.

In today's Gospel, John shows us it was not different for the disciples. When Jesus counsels them not to be afraid, "let not your hearts be troubled, for I am going to prepare a place for you," He further tells them He is The Way, The Truth and The Life. Jesus' passion is the utter authenticity of people's lives and His way of loving is also the way for us to live. Jesus is the way by which we travel to the fulness of God. Jesus is the truth. He does not only speak the truth, but the fulness of truth is found in Him. Jesus is the truth about God as He is truth about humanity.

As God looked to Jesus to reveal his true self, we look to Jesus to reveal God. He is the only true icon of God. Jesus is Life. We are because of Jesus. Our very life is his gift. Life is not an accident but a unique example of God's gift to us. Was this explanation satisfactory to Jesus' disciples on the purpose of life? I don't think so. The disciples learned soon after Jesus left them, they did not have ready answers to everything. Looking to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life doesn't solve every question we have about our life's purpose effortlessly. Jesus knew that!

In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. There is only one way which has stood the test of time, and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fulness of Life and Truth and take it to others. May Mary our mother and the Mother of Our Lord, walk with us as we follow the true way that will lead us to life everlasting

Fr. Terry

SPAGHETTI NIGHT RESULT

Thank you to everyone that made this event a success and special thanks to the the volunteers – their hard work and dedication made this event possible. We raised \$2746 and after an expense of \$656.46 we made a profit of \$2089.54. The amount goes towards our Capital Campaign.

SHARELIFE

ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far we have raised total \$7867.00 toward our goal of goal \$42,200. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

ST. DOMINIC'S MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

St. Dominic's Altar Servers will be selling Mother's Day roses for \$5 each after all three Masses on *May 13 and 14*. Please support this fundraiser and purchase a rose for your mother or grandmother!

All proceeds will go towards St. Dominic's Capital Campaign.

BAKE SALE

Save the Date: May 27 & May 28.

Announcement will be in the next bulletin by the coffee ministry.

May 6th – May 13th, 2023 NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

We have two new funding campaigns and we distributed pledge cards for parishioners to complete. Please return the pledge cards to the parish office or place it in the collection basket or in the donation boxes at the front of the church. Also please remember to record your envelope number and your name on the pledge card for better tracking.



The first campaign is the capital campaign for items

such as upgrading the parking lot, the furnace and the parish sound system and lighting. Our parish was built in 1957 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 and pledge cards 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).

Working together we can make these two campaigns a success.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL SPRING MARKET

May 27, 2023 from 9pm to 2pm

Location: Queen of Heaven School, 1198 Alexandra Ave, Mississauga

Queen of Heaven School is having its First Annual Spring Market. We invite family and friends.

Shop from our local vendors. Proceeds from Vendor Table Fees to benefit Grade 8 Graduation. *All are welcome!*

Note to Vendors: Secure a table for \$40. To sign up to be a vendor, please contact the school at <u>queenofheaveninfo@dpcdsb.org</u> as soon as possible. Spots are limited.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST A UKRAINIAN FAMILY?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived.

If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

TAX RECEIPTS 2022

Tax receipts for 2022 are available for pick up from the office on weekdays or they can be picked on weekends from the Ministers of welcome at the main entrance of the church.

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.



Our Seniors are starting Tai Chi every Tuesday.

From: 11:45 am to 12:30pm. 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:

Steven Viola 🕈

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend April 23rd, 2023

Weekly: \$ 3694.75 Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$22,753.55 Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$13,249.60

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

