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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. Matthew McCarthy 416-968-0997 or voactionstoronto.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 First Eucharist and

First Reconciliation Preparation Beverly O'Grady Funeral Ministry Gloria Noronha

General Church Maintenance Michael Spadafora & Sergio Iavicoli

Fr. Terence Dias

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

Ministers of Welcome

Spiritual Direction

Virginia Ittig-Deland

Gary MacDonald

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, Dec 3rd

9:30AM - Mass

11:30AM - Romeo Chosat

- Sidalia Pereira⊕

Monday, Dec 4th
Ferial
NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 5th Ferial

7:00PM - Gottfried Berger ₽

Wednesday, Dec 6th Ferial

9:15am – Mass Queen of Heaven & St. Dominic Schools

Thursday, Dec 7th
St. Ambrose
7:00PM – Alda Alves⊕

Friday, Dec 8th
Ferial
8:00AM – John O'Reilly&

Saturday, Dec 9th Ferial

9:15AM – Zelia Soares ↔ 5:00PM – Helmtrud & Hubert

Krampert¹

- Gordon Taverner &

-Layla May&



> SATB Choir Practice 7:30PM every Monday

Folk Choir Practice

7:30PM every Wednesday

Sunday Coffee

Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

First Sunday of Advent



REFLECTIONS

Readings: Isaiah :2, 1-5; Romans:13, 11-14; Mathew: 24, 37-44

God wants all men to be saved. In Christ he has called all peoples and nations to salvation. We are to appreciate all that is good, just and holy in a person, quite apart from his race, culture or creed. St. Thomas teaches that all truth, no matter who expresses it, comes from the Holy Spirit. In keeping with this, and without loss of our identity, we are to be open to dialogue with our separated brethren, with fellow-workers and even with friends who profess non-Christian beliefs. Given that the Church is the sacrament of salvation, we must be committed to the apostolic and missionary action of the Church,

Vigilance is an eminently Christian virtue. We must practice it, notwithstanding the attractions and appeals of the world we live in, and the passions that nestle in our hearts and tempt us to look down to earth rather than to gaze at heaven. Vigilance on the part of shepherds for their "sheep" means to lead them to good pasture, to search for those who have strayed, to cure the sick, and to feed all with the bread of the Word and the Eucharist. Vigilance on the part of parents for their children means to lead them in the way of the Gospel, and to give them a solid Christian formation. Vigilance on the part of teachers for their students is to show them the path of truth and goodness, to enlighten them in times of darkness, and to support them during trials and difficulties. Belief in the Second Coming of Christ posits a Christian ethic committed to the education of man and the establishment of a society that is ever more noble and welcoming.

Fr. Terry.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Thank you for your generous donation in supporting our parish through your contributions.

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available at the main entrance of the church. We have reduced the envelopes from 500 to 400. Parishioners using 400 series are assigned new numbers. Ushers will be around to help you.

Please do not use these envelopes till 2024.

If you are not registered with the parish and would like to register and use envelopes please fill the registration card and drop it off at the office or hand them to the ushers.

If you would like to use the pre-authorised option please contact the office.

When using the 2024 envelopes for the first time please write your full name, address and telephone number so we can update the information in our system.

ADVENT RETREAT & PARISH DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Advent Retreat: Dec 12th and Dec 13th from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The theme is: "Now is the Time".

Parish Day of Confessions:

Thursday Dec 14th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.



ADVENT SCHOOL CONFESSIONS

St. Paul's Secondary School

Tuesday Dec 12, from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

St. Dominic's School

Thursday Dec 14th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Queen of Heaven School

Thursday Dec 14th from 12:30PM to 2:00PM

SUNDAY MISSALS

Missals for 2024 are available at the Parish office on weekdays. The cost is \$6.00.

Dec 2nd – Dec 9th, 2023 NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Since the spring, we have raised \$41,000 for the loan repayment and we have pledges of another \$28,000 to be collected for a total of \$69,000. Our goal for the loan repayment campaign was \$200,000 since the Archdiocese has graciously allowed a matching program for our loan repayment campaign up to \$200,000. This means we are currently at 35% of our goal.

Secondly, we have raised \$24,000 for the capital campaign and have pledges of \$27,000 to be collected for a total of \$51,000 that has been raised so far. Our goal was to try to generate \$100,000 as we estimate that the resurfacing of the parking lot will cost \$150,000 and we have already previously raised \$50,000 through the family of faith campaign. That means we are at 51% of our goal, and again, this encouraging result deserves some congratulations.

We would like to thank those ministries and various parishioners who have been organizing events in support of these two concurrent campaigns. The creativity and support have been tremendous and speak to how dedicated our parishioners are to St. Dominic parish!

For those of us who would like to make a one-time donation, 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).

Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity which has started both campaigns on a great path. Working together we can continue to make these two campaigns a success.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Dominic's Parish is sponsoring the Giving Tree again this year. Please purchase a gift card from Loblaws, Metro, Shoppers, Walmart, Dollarama or Tim Horton's to support members of our community through our SVDP. The deadline for the card donation is **Dec. 9/10.**

Remember how expensive it is to provide a Christmas dinner for a family of 4 or five. If you can help, it will be appreciated. This year is especially difficult. Basic food prices and gas have risen in price and the people we help are on a fixed income. They have even less at the end of the month to provide food for their family.

Please return the cards by **Sunday Dec. 10**. After that date monetary donations may be given to St. Vincent de Paul and will be used to support Neighbours-in-Need all year. You can turn them into the office or put them in the collection baskets. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass Saturday Dec 23 – 5:00PM No Morning Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec 24

- ☆ 9:30AM Regular Sunday Mass & 11:30AM Regular Sunday Mass
 Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24
 - ☆ 5:00PM
 - ☆ 7:00PM
 - ☆ 9:30PM
 - ☆ 12:00AM (Midnight)

Christmas Day Monday Dec 25

- ☆ 9:30AM
- ☆ 11:30AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Vigil Mass Saturday Dec 30 – 5:00PM No Morning Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday Dec 31

⇒ 9:30AM & 11:30AM Regular Sunday Mass

New Year's Eve Sunday Dec 31

☆ 5:00PM

New Year Day Monday Jan 1 2024

- ☆ 9:30AM
- ☆ 11:30AM

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group is starting. If you are a Senior 60+

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

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

Refreshments are provided.

Tai Chi every
Tuesday
11:00AM for everyone
Tuesday 12:00PM 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. Volunteer screening and consent forms are mandatory.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



Brigitta Schneider む Liliana Rushton む Dominic Santaquida む



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend Nov 26th, 2023

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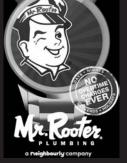
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