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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 [voactiontoronto.ca](http://voactiontoronto.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, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:30AM – Mass  
11:30AM – Joe Rocha†

**Monday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
7:00PM – Mass

**Wednesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Lucy*  
9:15am – Mass St. Paul's School

**Thursday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

*St. John of the Cross*  
7:00PM – Mass

**Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*  
8:00AM – Mass

**Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*  
9:15AM – Patricia Thomas†  
5:00PM – Mass



- **SATB Choir Practice**  
7:30PM every Monday
- **Folk Choir Practice**  
7:30PM every Wednesday
- **Sunday Coffee**  
Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**REFLECTIONS***Readings**Isaiah: 11:1-10**Romans: 15:4-9**Mathew: 3:1-12*

Christmas is a worldwide feast that many people prepare for in different ways. For many it is a time for family reunions, for others, it is a time of increased business when people travel more and shop more. We too join the world to prepare to celebrate Christmas as a social event. But the best preparation for the event is the spiritual preparation. We prepare ourselves to celebrate the event when God assumed our nature to take our sins away and to enable us to share in his divine nature. There is no better preparation than that of conversion, of repentance.

The core message of this second Sunday of Advent, therefore, is that we must rid ourselves of everything that will present a stumbling block to being with Christ when he comes. Hence, we are encouraged to retrace our steps and make amend for the wrongs we have done. In this season we must expressly take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the purification of our souls. It is a time of making and suing for peace with all people. It is a time of repenting of the wrongs we have done them. ? We must repent for not loving ourselves enough, of the sins against our neighbours, and our Creator. Most importantly, we must repent of our sins against charity and our lack of humility.

Let us, ask God this season of Advent to open our hearts in welcome, and so remove everything that will hinder us from receiving our Lord with joy, so that we may share in his wisdom and thus become one with him when he finally comes in his glory.

*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-authorized 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 12<sup>th</sup> and Dec 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

The theme is: *"Now is the Time"*.

**Parish Day of Confessions:**

Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

*Queen of Heaven School*

Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> – Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**BAKE SALE**

*Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!* To all our wonderful bakers and our coffee ministry members and our generous parishioners for their ongoing support. St. Dominic's is blessed to have you in our midst. We managed to raise **\$2367**. This money will go towards the Loan Repayment. *Thank you from Laura & Joyce.*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist, sign-up sheets for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas and New year are posted in the Sacristy. Please take the time to sign up for these Masses.

**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT 2023**

The *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. It is found on the CCCB.CA website:  
<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

**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,
- This is the group for you.

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!

**NOTICE:**

***No Tai Chi from Dec 19 to Jan 2, 2024***

**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:**

Liliana Rushton †  
Dominic Santaguida †  
Mary Parlette-Oliver †  
Gottfried Burger †

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Weekend Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

Weekly: \$ 5180.20

Capital Campaign, to date: \$29,838.80

Loan Repayment to date: \$ 42,246.30

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

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