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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Terence Dias - Pastor
Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate
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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. Matthew McCarthy
416-968-0997 or 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	



Third Sunday of Advent

**Pastor's
Corner**

REFLECTIONS

Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

This is the 3rd Sunday of Advent and called "Gaudete" Sunday in Latin. It is a Sunday of rejoicing. The second reading this Sunday picks up the theme of rejoicing: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." We need to hear both of these realities: rejoice and pray! We can only rejoice always if we are praying without ceasing. God is not asking the impossible of us. We are able to walk through a normal day while keeping Him always in our heart. It is not easy and we shall fail but when we see that God is not in our heart, we can invite Him once more to make us aware of His presence. In that way, we can rejoice and pray all the day long.

The Gospel from Saint John today brings us back to Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a central focus of the Gospel last Sunday and once again is here for us to consider. We should note that John the Baptist is not at all concerned about being considered great or important. His one concern is to point to Jesus Christ: the One who is to come, whose sandal strap he is unworthy to untie.

Saint John the Baptist is a saint of joy because he points always to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. We also can become people of joy when our lives point to Jesus our Lord. We don't have to be perfect but we do have to keep pointing to the Lord. Just as in the life of John the Baptist, the more we decrease, the more the Lord may increase. It is a challenge for us to live in such a way that we are always witness to the presence of God and God's love. Let us rejoice and be glad this Sunday as we delight in God's love.

Please Note:

Christmas Eve 5pm Mass is geared to Children
Please Bring Christmas bells to make a joyful noise.
Please donate poinsettias to decorate the church.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST & LECTORS

Lectors & 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/>

**Important
Notice**



Sunday, Dec 17th

9:30AM – Mass

11:30AM – Raffaella Bernardi †

– Paul Bochar †

Monday, Dec 18th

Ferial

NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 19th

Ferial

7:00PM – Jason Medeiros †

Wednesday, Dec 20th

Ferial

9:15am – Deceased members of

Chosa & Valencia family †

Thursday, Dec 21st

Ferial

7:00PM – Mass

Friday, Dec 22nd

Ferial

8:00AM – Mass

Saturday, Dec 23rd

Ferial

9:15AM – NO MASS

5:00PM – Esther Barrientos †

– Richard Kaluzny †

COME
AND
JOYOUS



➤ SATB Choir Practice

7:30PM every Monday

➤ Folk Choir Practice

7:30PM every Wednesday

➤ Sunday Coffee

Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

Dec 16th – Dec 23rd, 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.

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

St. Dominic's Fundraiser Family Dinner Dance

For the Paving of The Parking Lot

Saturday January 27th, 2024. 7.00pm

Tickets \$45.00 Adults - Children under (12yrs) \$25.00

3 yrs and Under Free

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Sit Down Meal, Served Family Style

Menu: Chicken Cutlet, Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes. Salad. Dessert. Sweet Table. Coffee/Tea

Water and 1 bottle of Wine per table

Cash Bar and Raffle Prizes

For Tickets Call the office and available after the weekend Masses

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 (Geared for Children)

☆ 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

OFFICE CLOSURE

Parish office will remain closed from Friday Dec 22nd, 2023 to Tuesday Jan 2nd, 2024. The office reopens on Wednesday Jan 3rd, 2024.

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.

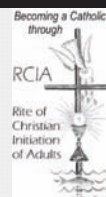
All are welcome!

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:

Dominic Santaguida †

Mary Parlette-Oliver †

Gottfried Burger †

Pablo Aquin †

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Weekend Dec 10th, 2023

Weekly: \$ 6962.50

Capital Campaign, to date: \$31,853.80

Loan Repayment to date: \$ 44,261.30

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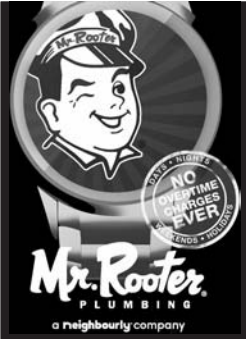
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