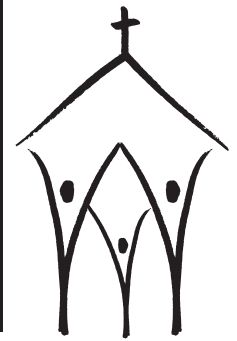


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## PARISH STAFF

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	Bridie Boyd, Rea Santaguida & Isabel DeFilippis
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
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 for Adults)	Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic
ShareLife	Fr. Terence Dias
St. Vincent de Paul	Margaret Ramsay
Youth Ministry	




**Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30AM – Mass  
 11:30AM – Filomena Aguire✠  
 – Fausto D'Avanzo✠

**Monday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*  
 7:00PM – Noel Parker✠

**Wednesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:15am – Manuel Seitao✠

**Thursday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Chair of St. Peter, Apostle*  
 7:00PM – Priests (Special Intentions)

**Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Ferial*  
 8:00AM – Antao D'Souza  
 (Special Intentions)  
 6:30PM – Stations of the Cross  
 7:00PM – Mass

**Saturday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*  
 9:15AM – Jason Medeiros  
 – Gabriela Cabral✠  
 5:00PM – Helen Sitarski✠



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

**COFFEE SUNDAY**

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

**First Sunday of Lent**
**REFLECTIONS**
**Pastor's  
 Corner**
**Readings**

*Genesis 9:8-15*

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

*Mark 1:12-15*

Forty days in the wilderness was not easy, but Jesus conquered them all as a true man. Jesus proclaimed: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." This message should be heard everywhere and at any time. Lenten season is about two things: repentance and baptism. On the First Sunday of Lent, the Church will celebrate the rite of election for catechumens who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. I would like to remind all of you that the message of repentance is not only for catechumens, but also for all of us. If we want to be in God's Kingdom, we need to repent, to be baptized and to believe.

Dear friends in Christ, the Lenten season always reminds us that we need to get rid of our heart whatever hurting our relationship with God and with people around us. We have to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to God, and reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Jesus spent forty days alone in the wilderness before he began his public ministry was necessary.

I hope all of us can be alone with God sometimes during this lent. I believe: only in a quiet place, we can face ourselves. Only in a quiet place, we can hear God's voice. Saint Peter said some truth about our baptism today. He said: "This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Remember: when we let go of our selfish ego, our sinful habits and our sinful relationship, we are letting God take control of our life again. This is the time to repent and believe in the gospel.

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

The Funds raised from "St. Dominic Family Dinner Dance" event is **\$14,216.00**. Thank you, One and All, for your love and support.

*Wishing you all a blessed Lent!*

*Fr. Terry.*

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study every Friday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. It will be in the hall.

Bibles will be provided.  
 All are welcome.


**TAX RECEIPTS 2023**

Thank you for your donations to support the church. Tax receipts for 2023 are ready for pick up. On the weekends the tax receipts will be available with the ushers and on weekdays they will be at the office.

If you would like your receipt to be emailed, please call us at: 905-278-7762, Or email us at [stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org) and let us know your email address.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

If you have not picked up your offertory envelopes for the year 2024, please do so at your earliest. If you have moved and have not informed the parish office, please let us know, so we can update the information in our system.

*Please use envelopes from 2024 as offertory envelope numbers have changed.*

**FASTING & FEASTING**

*Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season when we:*

*Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.*

*Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.*

*Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.*

*(Living with Christ)*

## Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Since the spring, we have raised \$48,000 for the loan repayment and we have pledges of another \$25,000 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 \$36,000 for the capital campaign and have pledges of \$15,000 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.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024

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 <https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic**.



**Parents and Candidates must attend** an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 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 [confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com)

For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

## SUPPORT OUR VULNERABLE YOUTH THROUGH SHARELIFE

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

“Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,” says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. “With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path.”

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**
- 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:
  - 1. scan this QR code:
  - 2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>



3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write “webinar February 24” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

## 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 – 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:

Richard Antonio†  
Fr. Noel Whelan†  
Amalija Kvasni†  
John Desjardins†

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend Feb 11, 2024

Weekly: \$3884.40

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\$49,398.25

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\$37,854.70

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

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