# A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus



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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.

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#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild Altar Servers Baptism Ministry Children's Liturgy of the Word Coffee Ministry

**Collection Counters Confirmation Preparation Finance Council** First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Preparation **Funeral Ministry** General Church Maintenance Knights of Columbus Marriage Rehearsal Ministers of Eucharist Ministry of Music (SATB Choir) Daniel D'Amario (Folk Choir) Ministers of the Word Ministers of Welcome Spiritual Direction Pastoral Council for Adults) ShareLife St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry

Doris Zammit & Fatima Amaral Gia and Gerson D'souza Fr. Terence Dias Diana Padzik Bridie Boyd, Rea Santaguida & Isabel DeFilippis Michelle Gal-Chalmers Beverly O'Grady Fr. Terence Dias

Beverly O'Grady Gloria Noronha Michael Spadafora & Sergio Iavicoli Paul Horbatiuk Marian Yuill Fiona Pereira Sean Bator Virginia Ittig-Deland Gary MacDonald Beverly O'Grady RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic Fr. Terence Dias



Margaret Ramsay



Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 9:30AM – Mass 11:30AM – Mass

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Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Holy week No Mass

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> *Holy Week* 7:00PM – Teresa Aguire de Galeano ଫ

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Week 9:15am – Mass

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday 7:30PM – Mass

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 1:00PM – Liturgy for Children 3:00PM – Adult Liturgy 7:00PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday 10:00AM – Blessing of the Easter Food 8:00PM – Easter Vigil



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!



Palm Sunday REFLECTIONS

Readings Is 50: 4-7; Ph 2: 6-11; Mk 14: 1-15:47

Let us try to pick up some significant things in the passion narrative. I can think of three sad things: a) betrayal; b) abandonment; and c) death. The stories of betrayal, abandonment and death are also our own stories.

On the one hand, we have experienced these in our relationship with others. Often we are victims of betrayal, abandonment, and death. But in some occasions, we were also the "victimizers" to others. We can hear stories of wives being betrayed by husbands, and husbands betrayed by their wives. Infidelities seem to be rampant these days. It is unfortunate that migration has contributed to this occurrence. We can also hear stories of people betrayed and abandoned by their siblings. We can also hear stories of friends being betrayed and killed by their friends. Thus, stories of betrayal, abandonment, and death are real stories. These are stories that some people would either love or hate to talk about. These are stories which are in need of a process of forgiveness; the kind of forgiveness that Jesus gave to his tormentors.

On the other hand, these stories are also true in our relationship with God. Modernism, secularism, consumerism, atheism.... all these contribute to the betrayal, abandonment, and death of God in our midst. How have we betrayed Him? Believing in Him and yet doing non-Christian practices is a betrayal. Professing the faith, but do not live it out is a betrayal. The absence of the "sense of sin" is a betrayal to God who always asks us to repent and undergo conversion.

Have we abandoned God? Yes, we have abandoned Him! Secularism is an obvious form of abandonment of God. If we no longer see the meaning and importance of Sunday worship is an index of abandonment of God. The Holy Week is a moment of grace for us. This is a moment of reflecting upon the great love of God for us through his suffering and death on the cross. Love is a two-way relationship. God expects us to respond to this love. But if our response is one of betrayal, abandonment, and killing God, then, we ask for his forgiveness and mercy.

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#### 9-DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET

In Preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy 2024

Divine Mercy Prayer Group invites all to join in: 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena March 29 (Good Friday) to April 6, 2024 – Led by Divine Mercy Prayer Group. The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked the it be recited as a

novena (St. Faustina Diary 1209). "My daughter, encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you. ... When hardened sinners say it. I will fill their souls with peace. And the hour of their death will be a

hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace. And the hour of their death will be a happy one..." (St. Faustina Diary 1541).

#### **NOVENA SCHEDULE**

- 1. Good Friday, Mar 29 At 7:30pm
- 2. Holy Saturday, Mar 30 At 7:30pm
- 3. Easter Sunday, Mar 31 After 11:30am Mass
- 4. Monday, April 1 Personal/Private
- 5. Tuesday, April 2 After 7:00pm Mass
- 6. Wednesday April 3 After 9:15am Mass
- 7. Thursday April 4 After 7:00pm Mass
- 8. Friday April 5 After 8:00am Mass
- 9. Saturday April 6 After 9:15am Mass

Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024.

# TAX RECEIPTS 2023

All are Welcome.

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

If you would like your receipt to be emailed, please call us at: 905-278-7762. Or email us at <a href="mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org">stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org</a>.

# Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mar 30<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.

#### SHARELIFE

ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Thus far we have raised \$7,636.00 toward our goal of \$43,500.00 Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus have made a donation towards a bus service to all our parishioners to attend the National March for Life in Ottawa, on Thursday May 9th. The bus will leave at 6.30am and will be leaving Ottawa at 3.30pm. Cost is \$60.00 per person or a donation. This is a silent, peaceful march through the streets of Ottawa.

If you would like to attend this journey to support life, please contact Gerry Sciara at 647 501-1173 to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

*Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024* Washing of the feet Mass - 7.30pm followed by adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday - March 29, 2024 <u>Please Note - No 8am mass on this day</u>. Lords Passion service at 1pm geared for the children. 3pm - For everyone.

Stations of the cross at 7.pm

Holy Saturday -March 30, 2024

<u>Please Note - No 9.15am & 5pm mass</u> Blessing of the Easter foods - 10am Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm

*Easter Sunday -March 31, 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 – 12:30PM All are welcome!



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



#### DONATE FLOWERS



All are welcome.

You are welcome to donate Easter Lillies/flowers to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. Please drop it off in the church during the Holy Week.

We appreciate it. Thank you!

#### 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: Natalie Bonora ↔

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend March 17, 2024

Weekly: \$3610.85 Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$53,670.25 Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$39,775.02

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



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