## A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

# 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 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 Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic

for Adults)

ShareLife Fr. Terence Dias St. Vincent de Paul Margaret Ramsay

Youth Ministry





# MASS MASS

#### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30AM - Mass

11:30AM - Joe Rocha ₽

- Deceased members

of Da Silva family⊕

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> St. Francois de Laval No Mass

#### Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Ferial

7:00PM - Elisabetta Lo Russo ₽

# Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Ferial

9:15am – Ella Pahulje ₽

#### Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Ferial

7:00PM – Laura Krajewski&

## Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

8:00AM - Mass

#### Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

9:15 AM – Magda Gahunia ♣ 5:00PM – Mass



> SATB Choir Practice

7:30PM every Monday

Folk Choir Practice

Folk Choir Practic7:30PM every Wednesday

#### **COFFEE SUNDAY**

Join us for coffee every Sunday after 9:30am Mass.

All are welcome!

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



### **REFLECTIONS**

Readings Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1John 4.7-10 John 15, 9-7

Today in the Gospel Reading, our Lord began his exhortation with the commandment to love and ended with that. We must not there take it lightly. Hence we are called upon to attend to this commandment of loving one another as he loved us. Practically, this calls for the breaking down of the walls of enmity, the walls of hatred, the walls of apathy, the walls of disunity, the walls of xenophobia and the walls of segregation that has torn families, communities, races, and nations apart. To love is thus not an option but a grave duty we must perform. In fact it is a necessity and we have no excuse not to love as without love we have no business with God.

It will also very pertinent to ask why our Lord was making so much emphasis on: "loving one another as he loved us" and even making it a commandment not a suggestion. The reason is not far from the fact that there is a great incidence of lack of love in our world. Furthermore, the lack of love is brought about by the increase in the rate of wickedness in the world (see Matt.24:12). Looking at this closely too, we discover that people become wicked because self-interest and selfishness that is the simple reason why love is fundamentally selfless.

When our Lord Jesus Christ said love one another, he was thus saying that we should stop being wicked, we should stop being selfish. He was saying that we should adopt utter generosity, care, and kindness to all irrespective of differences of backgrounds and dispositions. Love is actually the fundamental phenomenon that drives the Christian life. Hence without love there will definitely be no Christianity. The message today is clear, we must love and not hate just as God continuously and continually love us.

## Fr. Terry.

#### MONTH OF MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Let us consecrate ourselves, our family, our world to the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary daily. May our blessed mother pray for us.

#### Rosary Schedule

- o Monday Private
- Tuesday 6.30pm
- Wednesday-8.45am
- o Thursday 6.30pm
- Friday 7.30am
- o Saturday 8.45am
- Sunday Private.



### MOTHER'S DAY ROSES MAY 11/12

In celebration of all mothers and grandmothers, the St. Dominic Altar Servers will be selling roses again this year after all Masses during the weekend of May 11 and 12. Roses will be \$5 each or 12 for \$50.

All proceeds will go towards the capital campaign and the new altar server gowns which were purchased this past year. We will be accepting cash or credit/debit card payments.



Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **BIBLE STUDY**



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

#### Friday May 31st – Movie Night "The Chosen"

o Free popcorn, tea/coffee will be served.

We encourage individuals, youth & families to attend.

All are welcome!

#### May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 11<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.

#### **INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2024**

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation International Eucharistic Congress 2024 – September 8-15 – Quito, Ecuador The Holy Father has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress. This year's gathering takes place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. To learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit <a href="www.archtoronto.org/iec">www.archtoronto.org/iec</a>. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with the Canadian delegation. Registration deadline is June 6, 2024 with early bird pricing available until May 6.

#### 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.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - MAY 5, 2024 - 'WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE"

During Catholic Education Week (May 5-10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: <a href="https://www.togetherinfaith.ca">www.togetherinfaith.ca</a>.

#### SHARELIFE

ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we call upon your compassionate hearts to support ShareLife. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

#### 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

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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:

Eugene Horbatiuk Carmela Pistore Fernanda Pimentel

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend April 28, 2024

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