

# St. Dominic

Roman Catholic Church

*A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus*



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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Terence Dias - Pastor  
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## OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

### Weekday Eucharist

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 8:00 a.m.  
First Friday of the Month: Holy Hour 6:00 p.m.  
followed by Mass 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 9:15 a.m.  
Saturdays 8:45 a.m. Rosary. Mass 9:15 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 [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.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 to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays (Office): Closed

## 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
Finance Council	Fr. Terence Dias
First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation	Wray Carvelas, Ryle Gonsalves, Anne Scott, Jennifer Varnam & Leandro Gonsalves
Funeral Ministry	Zeena Silvester
General Church Maintenance	Michael Spadafora & Sergio Iavicoli
Knights of Columbus	Gary McDonald
Marriage Rehearsal	Marian Yuill
Ministers of Eucharist	Fiona Pereira
Ministry of Music (SATB Choir) (Folk Choir)	Daniel D'Amario Anastasia Marcella
Ministers of the Word	Virginia Ittig-Deland
Ministers of Welcome	Gary MacDonald
Pastoral Council	Fr. Terence Dias
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic
ShareLife	Fr. Terence Dias
St. Vincent de Paul	Margaret Ramsay
Youth Ministry	Ryle & Leandro Gonsalves Bianca & Daniella Almeida, Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions Of the Week



### Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30am – Pro Populo

11:30am – Sidalia Pereira†, Teresa Miskovic†, Simon Gjuraj†, Angie Gjuraj†, Marie Simon†, Marian Shestani†

### Monday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

**NO MASS**

### Tuesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00pm – Halka & Jose Canario†

### Wednesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – Romeo Chosa†

### Thursday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

7pm – Vitorriano Maria Noletti family†, Bruce Pritchard†, Prayer intentions for Paul Snowdon

### Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – John O'Reilly†

6:00pm – Holy Hour

7:00pm – Libia Desouza†,

Padma Rajendram†,

Healing of Oriel Noronha

### Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – Zelia Soares†

In memory of Berger family

5:00pm – Antonino & Gilda Arruda†

Jose Botelho†

### ☆ SATB Choir Practice

7:30pm every Monday

### ☆ Folk Choir Practice

7:30pm every Wednesday

### ☆ Sunday Coffee

Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass

## YOUTH MINISTRY

If you're looking to make new friends, have a lot of fun and grow in your faith, then

**COME JOIN US!**

Scan Here:



## Pastor's Corner

Readings: Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## REFLECTIONS

God tells Jeremiah, "I will fulfill the promise I made." Paul addresses the Thessalonians, "Strengthen your hearts. . . at the coming of Our Lord Jesus." I am comforted by these directives, for I know God understands my tendency to distract myself during waiting. I am in Good (God's) hands! The season of Advent is a time of waiting, which traditionally is defined as preparation. It's normal to begin to plan the menu, shop for gifts or write and address the annual holiday cards. These are the usual ways to prepare for Christmas. One important part is left out.

Jesus tells his disciples, "Be vigilant. . . pray that you have strength." Advent provides a wonderful opportunity to consider what is going on inside me, to reflect on the reason for my waiting: the arrival of Jesus, the arrival of Love, in my heart in ever-new ways. Moreover, I can learn about how I wait: Am I anxious? Lonely? Tired?

Am I curious? Thankful? Excited? I can open my heart to the Lord in quiet prayer and allow His presence to instruct me and fill me.

During this season, take a few minutes every day to sit quietly. Talk to the Lord about your day, especially the unresolved issues that occupy your time. Let the cares and distracting thoughts come and go; notice how you feel when you are alone with God. Offer up even those feelings. Then see if there is a movement, or a voice, from inside. It may not happen the first day, or the second. Take a bit of quiet every day. This is the best preparation for Christmas.

This Advent, God invites us into the waiting.

*Fr. Terry.*



## NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

We have two new funding campaigns and we distributed pledge cards for parishioners to complete. Please return the pledge cards to the parish office or place it in the collection basket or in the donation boxes at the front of the church. Also please remember to record your envelope number and your name on the pledge card for better tracking.

The first campaign is the capital campaign for items such as upgrading the parking lot, the furnace and the parish sound system and lighting. Our parish was built in 1957 and some of the items are way overdue for upgrades as the church is almost 70 years old. The parking lot has been cited by the Archdiocese as a potential safety hazard.

The second campaign is a loan repayment initiative. As presented in the 2021 financial statements there are outstanding loans payable to the Archdiocese of \$581,000. The Archdiocese has graciously allowed a matching program for our loan repayment campaign and a dollar for dollar match up to \$200,000. That means if we raise \$200,000, the Archdiocese will match that \$200,000 for a total repayment of \$400,000.

The proceeds of these two campaigns will go directly to supporting St. Dominic's. With the Family of Faith campaign that was started in 2015, only 25% of the amounts went towards St. Dominic's and the remainder went to the Archdiocese. We are hoping parishioners would contribute to these campaigns in the same capacity as they donated to the Family of Faith campaign.

Envelopes for the two campaigns and pledge cards are available at the entrances of the church and we have the ability to take online donations for each of the campaigns please visit our website at (<https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org>).

**Working together we can make these two campaigns a success.**

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Thank you for your generous donation in supporting our parish through your contributions. **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.**

Ushers will be around to help you. **Please do not use these envelopes till 2025.** 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.



## BIBLE STUDY every Friday from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

It will be in the hall. We encourage individuals, youth & families to attend. **All are welcome! Please NOTE: There is NO Bible Study on First Friday of the month, you are encouraged to join the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

## YOUTH UPCOMING SESSIONS:

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 4-5 PM** Topic: *The True Meaning of Christmas*

Explore how Jesus' birth brings hope, joy, and peace to the world. Talk about ways to focus on Christ during the holiday season instead of just gifts and decorations.

**December 21<sup>st</sup> 4-5 PM** Topic: *Giving Like Jesus: How to Spread Christmas*

Discuss how Jesus gave everything for us and how we can show love to others through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and generosity this Christmas.

**Christmas Break OFF [Dec. 23-Jan.4]**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 4-5 PM** Topic: *Dealing with Anxiety: How God Can Help Us Stay Calm*

Talk about ways to handle stress and fear by leaning on God through prayer and support from others.

**Exam Season OFF [Jan. 13-25]**

## Let's Glide Into the Christmas Spirit!

Hi everyone! The Christmas season is upon us, and we can't think of a better way to celebrate than with a **FUN SKATE NIGHT!**

Burnhamthorpe Community Centre 1500 Gulleden Dr, Mississauga, Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (right after the 5 PM Mass)

Cost: \$3.50 per person (but no worries—the church will cover this!)

Just make sure to bring your own skates (there won't be any rentals available) and please bring a helmet for safety! To help us plan, please RSVP [ryegonsalves@gmail.com](mailto:ryegonsalves@gmail.com) mentioning how many are coming.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

5pm Children's Mass

7pm 9:30pm &

Midnight (12am)

**Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 & 11:30am

**New Year's Eve Mass**

**Tuesday, Dec 31**

5:00pm

**New Year Day Mass**

**Wednesday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:30am, 11:30am



## ADVENT Confessions:

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

from 6pm to 8:00pm.



## SUNDAY MISSALS

Missals for 2025 have arrived. They are available at the Parish office on weekdays. The cost is \$6.00.



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come join us on **December 7<sup>th</sup> - 10am-4:30pm**

at St Dominic's Parish Hall.

Bake Sale, Vendor Market,

Pointsettia Sale, Photo with Santa,

Kids Activity & food.



## Senior's Group

If you are a Senior 60+

Love to play Euchre, engage in lively conversations then this is the group for you. **All are welcome!**

**Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall**

Refreshments are provided.



Our Seniors do **Tai Chi** every Tuesday.

From: 11am to 12 pm.

**All ages are welcome!**

## RCIA session has resumed

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.

## NEW Altar Server welcome

We always welcome new Altar Servers.

Open to all children who 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.

## We pray for all the sick in our community.

### For the Deceased:

Jose Botelho †

John Mangof †



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend November 24, 2024

**Weekly: \$4,032.65**

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

## Catholic Mom's Group

**Meetings: Tuesdays 7-8:30pm in the parish hall.**

December 17<sup>th</sup>, January 21<sup>st</sup>,  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
May 20<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

If you would like to volunteer for the Liturgy of the Word with children, please call the office at 905-278-7762 or email [stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org)

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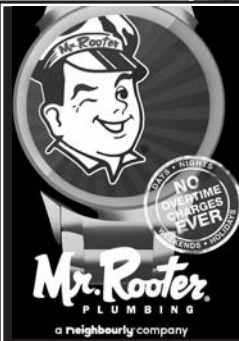
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