

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

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions Of the Week



Sunday, Dec 8th

9:30am – Pro Populo

11:30am – Giovanni & Natalina †,
Bonora & William Marno †,
Jose Rocha †, Filippo D'Acunto †

Monday, Dec 9th

NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 10th

9:15am – Advent Mass-Queen of Heaven/St. Dominic's School
7:00pm – Forgotten & abandoned Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Dec 11th

9:15am-Advent Mass-St. Paul's School
Dermot Bradley † Dinsdale Laing †
John Martins †

Thursday, Dec 12th

7pm – For healing of Paul Snowdon

Friday, Dec 13th

8:00am – Forgotten & abandoned Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Dec 14th

9:15am – Oscar & Bernice Nigli †,
Mass intentions for Chinnery family
5:00pm – Gordon Taverner & Layla Mae †, Joe Teixeira †
Birthday blessing for Donald Fiske

☆ 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: Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

REFLECTIONS

The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:2-3). In this short text we find the three steps necessary to transform anybody from lukewarmness to enthusiasm in the faith. The three steps are (a) John went into the desert, (b) the word of God came to him, and (c) John left the desert and went about proclaiming the faith. We also must pass through these three stages to arrive at the stage where we begin to live the life of faith with joy.

We go into the desert. The desert is a place of being alone with God. We go into the desert when we take time off our normal job and household occupation to be with God in church, in prayer, in reading the word of God. The desert is the place where we encounter God. We ourselves must take the first step to go into the desert, to reach out to God, to look for God.

The word of God comes to us. Once we open our hearts to God in the desert, God Himself comes and fills us up. A saint once said that when we take one step to God, God takes two steps to us. At this stage God takes the initiative to come to us, to fill us, to renew us, to transform us, to remould us into God's image that we are created to be. This is the stage that some people call being born again. When this happens to us we would like to spend the whole day alone with God in church, in prayer, in Bible reading. But like John we must go on to live our lives and carry out our duties in the family and in the society.

Fr. Jerry.



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.

December 8th – December 14th, 2024

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 21st 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 11th 4-5 PM *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 14th 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 mentioning how many are coming.

ADVENT Confessions: Thursday, December 19th from 6pm to 8:00pm.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, Dec 24th
5pm Children's Mass
7pm 9:30pm & Midnight (12am)

Christmas Day
Wednesday, Dec 25th
9:30 & 11:30am

New Year's Eve Mass
Tuesday, Dec 31
5:00pm

New Year Day Mass
Wednesday, Jan 1st
9:30am, 11:30am



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation information and Registration session for parent and candidate in person will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 2 pm, in the parish hall.

SUNDAY MISSALS

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

Catholic Mom's Group

Meetings: Tuesdays 7-8:30pm in the parish hall.
December 17th, January 21st,
February 18th, March 18th, April 22nd,
May 20th & June 24th

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 †
Anastacia Binaday †



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend December 1, 2024

Weekly: \$4,615.05

Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$70,282,78

Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$82,665.25

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

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

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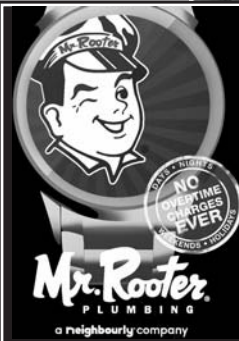
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