

# St. Dominic

Roman Catholic Church

*A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus*



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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Terence Dias - Pastor  
Zeena Silvester - Parish Secretary  
Bookkeeper - Alden Wilson  
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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)	Daniel D'Amario
(Folk Choir)	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



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Mass Intentions Of the Week



### Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Pro Populo  
11:30am – Gerry Thomas†,  
Cristiana DeSousa†,  
Raffaella Bernardi†

### Monday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

### Tuesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – Patricia Thomas†,  
Memorial Mass for Paul Bochar†

### Wednesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

9:15am- Maria Olivia Bonaldo†,  
Olga della Madre Di Dio†,  
Maddelena Serva Di Dio†

### Thursday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

7pm – Mark Ryan†, Carole Pitcher†  
Amalia Raphael†, Jorge Ramos†  
Prayer intentions for Ronnie Nigli  
6-8pm –**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

### Friday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Prayer intentions for John  
& Josie D'Souza

### Saturday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

9:15am – Gabriela Cabral†,  
Jason Medeiros†  
5:00pm – Filomena Bednarczyk†  
Nicole & Edna St. Pierre†  
Marie-Line Harley†

### ☆ 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: Zephaniah 3:14-18a Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-1

## REFLECTIONS

Today is the third Sunday of Advent popularly known as “*Gaudete Sunday*.” The term *Gaudete* simply means “to rejoice.” This Advent, we are preparing to live a new experience of love and faith in God.

As we come closer to the feast of Christmas, the church encourages us to rejoice because God is about to fulfill his promise to us. However, this does not mean we have come to the end of our preparation this season of Advent. Instead, it is a way of urging us to be more focused and courageous. It is also a way of assuring us that our preparations shall soon be rewarded. Today, all our readings exalt us to be happy, and joyful as we wait for the Lord's coming.

In today's Gospel, after preaching the good news of repentance, John the Baptist provoked a great yearning for change in his listeners. We must ask the same question that the people asked John the Baptist: “What must we do?” This was the same question of the people to Peter after his preaching on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 39-41).

For our joy to be complete this season we must be charitable, forgiving, just, and be modest in our actions. Also, we have to seek reconciliation and live in peace with one another. Above all, we must shun all acts that are capable of making life difficult for others.

Finally, we need patience and constancy in prayer. These are very important spiritual virtues. These will lead us to sanctity and the fullness of joy. As we wait joyfully for the fulfillment of God's promises to us this season, may He fill our hearts with charity and peace of mind. Amen!

*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 15<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5pm- Geared to Children  
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

**Please  
DONATE  
POINSETTAS**

*Help decorate our  
sanctuary for Christmas!*

**Drop it off at the church**



THANK YOU DEAR PARISHIONERS for making Christmas Fair a huge success. **We raised \$3,600.**

A special thank you to Rose Spadafora and Team for organizing this event. We would also like to thank all our contributors & donors - Daniel's NoFrills(Dixie Mall), AI Cash and Carry, Loblaws, Real Canadian Superstore(Mavis), Freshco(Dixie & Dundas), Nova Bakery, Cobbs(Applewood). Thank you to all our vendors, a big thank you to everyone who donated baked goods. Lastly, to all the volunteers including students from St. Paul's for the time and dedication.

### 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.**

### 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 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** *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]**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Information and Registration session for parent and candidate in person will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 2pm, in the parish hall. Parents are expected to be in the room with their child because they are under 18 years.

**Celebration of Confirmation:** Tuesday June 3, 2025 at 7:00pm and Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:pm

### 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>

### 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 †, Maria Sherlyn †  
Anastacia Binaday †, John Mangof †,  
Fely Robles †, Giovanna Marangoni †

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend December 8, 2024

**Weekly: \$5,830.70**

**Cumulative Loan Repayment:  
\$70,796.08**

**Cumulative Capital Campaign:  
\$83,490.25**

*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](mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org)

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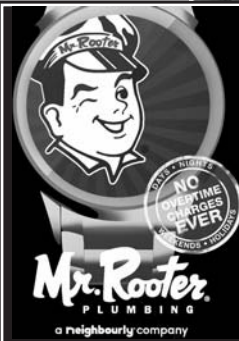
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