

# 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  
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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



# BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## REFLECTIONS

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14;  
3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



## Pastor's Corner

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah is called the Book of Consolation. It is placed here today because the baptism of Jesus is the first step in the life of Jesus that shows the fulfillment of this prophecy. The baptism could not have happened without the birth of Jesus nor without his infancy or with the hidden years. But the baptism is important because it begins the revelations of Jesus as Son of God.

Most of us want a comfortable life or a life without problems. We want God to take care of us. And God does promise to care for us, to shepherd us, to watch over us. The difference is that God wants us to grow to the very limits of our human potentiality and we are generally comfortable without wanting to change. How much can we love? Can we love more? God will stretch us so that we can love more and more.

The second reading, from the Letter to Titus, dwells on this theme of growth. It is important for us to notice that this grace of God is training us—the text puts as an ongoing action, not something that is completed. Our lives are process. Our lives are about learning how to live with the wisdom of God Himself. This is our baptism: dying to self so that we can live in the divine grace. Baptism is always about dying, about taking a new course and about this ongoing process of conversion.

Christian conversion and deep change in our lives can only come about as we come to know and believe that we are beloved by God. This is why the voice at the baptism of the Lord is so important and why we must also hear that voice of God speaking to us: You are my beloved! So much of Christian history shows people who tried to be what they thought God wanted them to be and turned out to be people who killed others and condemned others. God wants us to love, to know how to love, to grow in love and to share that love with Him and with others. Let us rejoice in the baptism of Christ and embrace our own baptism in Him.

*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.**

## Mass Intentions Of the Week



### Sunday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Pro Populo  
11:30am – Jose Rocha †,  
Miocyslaw Kujawski †,  
Joe Teixeira & Bernadete Pereira †

### Monday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

**NO MASS**

### Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – Birthday Blessing Prayers  
for Febi Gomes

### Wednesday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – Guerino & Antonio  
Salvadore †

### Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – Marie Herber †

### Friday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Maria Rocha †

### Saturday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – Gabriela Cabral †  
5:00pm – Antonio & Gilda Arruda †,  
Diane Ouellette † & deceased family  
members

St. Dominic



"I am not capable of doing big things,  
but I want to do everything,  
even the smallest things,  
for the greater glory of God."

- ☆ **SATB Choir Practice**  
7:30pm every Monday
- ☆ **Folk Choir Practice**  
7:30pm every Wednesday
- ☆ **Sunday Coffee**  
Every Sunday after 9:30am

## 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:



January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## ST. DOMINIC'S FAMILY DINNER DANCE

We are Happy to announce our Second annual St. Dominic's Family Dinner Dance Just in time for Valentines Day, **on Saturday February 1st.**

We will Serve a full course meal Family Style, it includes Pasta, Chicken Cutlet, Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Wine, Sweet Table, Coffee/Tea. There will be a large raffle Draw with lots of great prizes to be won, also we will have some Spot Light Dance Prizes.

**Tickets are \$50.00 each, Children 12yrs and under \$25.00 and Children 3yrs and under are Free.**

Come Sing and Dance the night away, Music will be provided by DJ.

Last year's Dinner was a great success and sold Out quickly.

**Don't be disappointed, TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES AND DURING THE WEEK AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

*May God Bless you all and thank you for supporting St. Dominic's Driveway Paving Fundraiser.*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

1st Communion Retreat: January 25th at 10am or 12pm at the Church Hall

1st Reconciliation: February 1st at 10am-12pm(Appointment Only)

1st Communion Retreat: April 5th at 10am or 12pm at the Church Hall

1st Communion: April 27th or May 4th at 2pm

## 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



## 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.**

## 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.

## Catholic Mom's Group

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

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.



**Tai Chi class will be cancelled** from December 18<sup>th</sup> through January 2025. **We will resume on Feb. 4, 2025.**

## 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†, Phyllis Horbatiuk†  
Giovanna Marangoni†

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend January 5, 2025

**Weekly: \$3,226.75**

**Cumulative Loan Repayment:  
\$73,762.73**

**Cumulative Capital Campaign:  
\$91,150.25**

*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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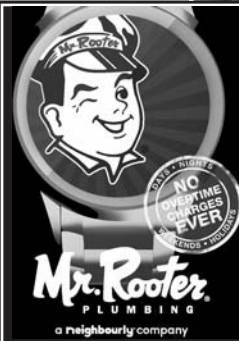
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