# 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 Alden Wilson - Bookkeeper Michael Caborubias - Custodian

#### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE**

### **Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:30am, 11:30am

#### **Weekday Eucharist**

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:00pm Fridays: 8:00am First Friday of the Month: Holy Hour 6:00pm followed by Mass 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays: 9:15am Saturdays 8:45am Rosary. Mass 9:15am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm 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 9:00am to 12noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm 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

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Leandro Gonsalves Funeral Ministry Zeena Silvester

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Ministry of Music (SATB Choir) Daniel D'Amario Anastasia Marcella (Folk Choir) Ministers of the Word Virginia Ittig-Deland

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic

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of Adults)

Margaret Ramsay Ryle & Leandro Gonsalves Youth Ministry Bianca & Daniella Almeida, Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit





Fr. Terence Dias



### Sunday, March 9th

9:30am – Pro Populo I I:30am – Joe Teixeira 🕏 , Bernandete Pereira 🕏

## Monday, March 10th NO MASS

#### Tuesday, March 11th

7:00pm-Forgotten & abandoned souls in Purgatory

Special intentions of Antony Mancini

#### Wednesday, March 12th

9:15am - Stanley Noronha&

#### Thursday, March 13th

7:00pm – Rosanna Cirillo⊕

#### Friday, March 14th

8:00am - Daniel Hennessyth,

Maggie Darwash 中, John Lima 中

6:30pm - Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - Mass

### Saturday, March 15th

9:15am – Gabriela Cabral ₽

5:00pm – Cesare Ramirez₽



## **SATB Choir Practice** 7:30pm every Monday

**Folk Choir Practice** 

7:30pm every Wednesday **Sunday Coffee** 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

### **REFLECTIONS**



Readings: Deut 26, 4-10; Rom 10, 8-13; Lk 4, 1-13

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ. As a journey that will last for about six and half weeks, the Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

In this season of lent, we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil in our gospel. It is important to note that the tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness. This was why, once he realized that Christ was very hungry he felt it was an opportunity to use Him. However, the good news is that the devil was wrong, because Christ did not give him the chance to use Him. Hence, the devil cannot succeed with us too if we do not open avenues for him in our lives.

We must not give the devil any chance this season and in our entire life time. Therefore, let us close all the avenues in the course of this journey by wearing the sign: "Road Closed or No Vacancy Here!" The avenues that must be closely guarded this season as the temptation of Christ teaches us include: The avenues of hunger and thirst for sin, the avenue of cheap popularity, vain glory, pride, and selfishness. These are obstacles to our spiritual growth, victory, and of course, to our salvation. Our weapons this season must include a very strong faith in God, prayer, uprightness, good works, and the word of God. Above all, we must allow the Holy Spirit to be in charge by being docile to Him.

Finally, trusting in the arm of our own flesh will not help us this season. This is because, it might fail us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, this season, God is absolutely ready to do for us what He did for our fathers in faith in ancient times. So, together with the psalmist today, let us unceasingly implore the Lord saying: "Be with me, O Lord in my distress."

Fr. Terry.



## **NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS**

We have two ongoing campaigns – the loan repayment campaign and the capital campaign primarily to repaye the parking lot.

As of November 2024, we have raised \$93,000 for the loan repayment campaign. 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 47% of our goal. With the additional matching from the Archdiocese, we have been able to repay \$186,000 of the debt owed to the Archdiocese since the campaign began.

Our loan to the Archdiocese has been significantly reduced from \$600,000 at the end of 2022 to \$454,000 at the end of 2023, and down to \$368,000 at the end of November. This is significant progress, and is something we should be proud of as a parish.

Also, at the end of November 2024, we have raised \$77,000 for the capital campaign. The Parish had previously raised \$56,000 from the Family of Faith campaign for a total of \$133,000. Our goal was to try to generate \$150,000 for the resurfacing of the parking lot. That means we are at 89% of our goal through all of the generous gifts and events which have been organized by parishioners.

We were able to generate the additional \$30,000 that we discussed in June so we can start the parking lot repaying project this spring.

We would like to again thank the many ministries and various parishioners who have been organizing events in support of these two concurrent campaigns through bake sales, dinner/dances, BBQs, rose sales, and many other social events. The creativity and support have been tremendous and speak to how dedicated our parishioners are to St. Dominic's parish!

We hope this update further encourages everyone to continue the great momentum 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 (<a href="https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org">https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org</a>). Those little cards that are in the pews and at the back of the church have a QR code which will take you right to the website to set up a donation. Working together we can continue to make these two campaigns a success.

## March 9<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

STUDY Join us!

Bible study every Friday from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

It will be in the church 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Ist Communion Retreat: April 5th at 10am or 12pm in the Church

Ist Communion: April 27th or May 4th at 2pm



#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Retreat-Saturday May 24th, 2025-10am-6pm Celebration of Confirmation: June 3, or June 5,2025 at 7:pm



During Lent, we will have THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.



#### Save the Date

The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place on Saturday May 31st at Villanova College in King City.



Meetings: Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Church hall.

March 18th, April 22nd, May 20th & June 24th

## Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2025 Feb. 5, 2025, to April 15, 2025

**THEME:** Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity. High school students (aged 13 to 19 years) are encouraged to create a three-minute video that captures this year's theme. Submit your entries via the submission form at <a href="https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission">https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission</a>



#### LENT TOPICS

March 1st - "PRAYER" Building a closer relationship with God.

March 8th - "FASTING" Renewing our choices for God

March 15th - "ALMSGIVING" Giving back to God.

## THE RESULTS OF OUR ST DOMINIC'S DINNER DANCE FUND RAISER!

Total Sales which includes Ticket Sales, Raffle tickets and Bar sales amounted to \$16,941. This amount coupled with donations gave us a grand total of \$18,206 as amount received.

Total Expenses of the event including food, drink, licences and DJ costs amounted to \$2.893. **NET PROFIT OF \$15.313** 

We thank the Lord for this great accomplishment, towards our goal!

And we thank each and every one of you, whether you attended,
or volunteered, or donated in some way or the other,
to make this event **a Huge Success!** not just as a Fundraiser
more so as coming together as one Community at St Dominic's.

Thank you & God bless you all.



### **Lenten Retreat**

Led by Bishop Emeritus: John Corrivieau
Wed. April 9<sup>th</sup> Thu. April 10<sup>th</sup> Fri. April 11<sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:30pm)
Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Confessions from 6:30-8:30pm

### **TAX RECEIPTS 2024**

Thank you for your donations to support the church. **Tax receipts for 2024 are ready for pick up.** On the weekends the tax receipts will be available with the ushers and on weekdays they will at the office.

## **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 I-3pm in the Church Hall Refreshments are provided.

### Tai Chi class Every Tuesday!

FOR all ages from 10:30am - 11:30am

Yang Style Tai Chi 11:30pm - 12:30pm

### **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:

Eithne Kinsella<sup>1</sup>, Stanley Noronha<sup>1</sup>, Patrick O'Keeffe<sup>1</sup>, Sister Anna Chan<sup>1</sup>, Raymond Pereira<sup>1</sup>

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Weekly: \$3,308
Cumulative Loan Repayment:
\$77,753.83
Cumulative Capital Campaign:

**\$97,254.25**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 <a href="mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org">stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org</a>



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