

# 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: 5:00pm  
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](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 9:00am 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

Altar Servers

Baptism Ministry

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Ministry

Collection Counters

Finance Council

First Holy Communion and  
Confirmation Preparation

Funeral Ministry

General Church Maintenance

Knights of Columbus

Marriage Rehearsal

Ministers of Eucharist

Ministry of Music (SATB Choir)  
(Folk Choir)

Ministers of the Word

Ministers of Welcome

Pastoral Council

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation  
of Adults)

ShareLife

St. Vincent de Paul

Youth Ministry

Doris Zammit & Fatima Amaral

Gia and Gerson D'souza

Fr. Terence Dias

Diana Padzik

Bridie Boyd, Rea Santaguida &

Isabel DeFilippis

Michelle Gal-Chalmers

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Wray Carvelas, Ryle Gonsalves,

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Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic

Fr. Terence Dias

Margaret Ramsay

Ryle & Leandro Gonsalves

Bianca & Daniella Almeida,

Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit



## SECOND SUNDAY ON LENT



### Mass Intentions Of the Week



#### Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Pro Populo

11:30am – Birthday blessings for Wajid & blessings for his family

#### Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**NO MASS**

#### Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – Anna & Steve Risek †

#### Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – Jan Andrejuk †

#### Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – For the soul of Sophia & Jan Kurnat †

#### Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00am – Available

6:30pm - Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Mass

#### Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:15am – Available

5:00pm – Birthday blessings for Rose and special prayers for her intentions



#### 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: *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18;*  
*Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36.*

The story of the transfiguration is a reminder of the transformation that is proper to authentic Christian living. Every day is a transfiguration in the life of a true Christian. The transfiguration of Jesus took place within the context of prayer in the company of Moses and Elijah. According to today's gospel, 'As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem'. The presence of Moses and Elijah represent the importance of the scripture and the teachings of the church.

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. Our transfiguration will be achieved the same way as that of Jesus. Through listening to the beloved son of God that is always speaking to us through the words of scripture and the teachings of the church. Whenever we prayerfully listen to the Lord through the church and the scriptures, transfiguration takes place in us.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis Abram was transformed through the covenant God made with him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. He believed everything he heard from God, thus he was transformed. Today the challenge before us is to allow ourselves to be transformed by what we hear and are asked to do by the church. God speaks to us today through the church. The teachings of the church and the words of scripture are capable of achieving in us the same transfiguration of Jesus.

*Fr. Jerry.*



## NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

We have two ongoing campaigns – the loan repayment campaign and the capital campaign primarily to repave 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 repaving 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 (<https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org>). 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 16<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



### 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

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

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



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Retreat-Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025-10am-6pm

**Celebration of Confirmation: June 3, or June 5, 2025 at 7pm**



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

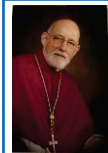


### LENTEN PREPARATION

### FASTING & FEASTING

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season when we:

Fast from judging others; feast on the **Christ dwelling in them.**  
Fast from emphasis on differences; **feast on the unity of all life.**  
Fast from thoughts of illness; **feast on the healing power of God.**



### Lenten Retreat

Led by Bishop Emeritus: John Corriveau

**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**



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HIGHER RALLY

Celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship on **Saturday, 29th March, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.**

The theme this year, “**Power From on High**”, encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength.

For tickets and information, please visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)



### 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 31<sup>st</sup> at Villanova College in King City.



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

March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>

### 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 <https://bit.ly/DFVCSUBMISSION>



### 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 be 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 1-3pm 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†, Stanley Noronha†, Patrick O'Keeffe†, Sister Anna Chan†, Raymond Pereira†, Gary Baldassi†, Kim Brown†, Ana & Steve Risek†

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Weekly: \$4,854.35**

**Cumulative Loan Repayment:  
\$78,261.18**

**Cumulative Capital Campaign:  
\$97,864.25**

*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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