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 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 Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic of Adults) ShareLife St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry



Fr. Terence Dias Margaret Ramsay Ryle & Leandro Gonsalves Bianca & Daniella Almeida, Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit





Thanks for Your Support!

Sunday, March 23rd 9:30am – Pro Populo 11:30am – Sister Anna Chan ቲ, Saturnina Munez ቲ

Monday, March 24th NO MASS

Tuesday, March 25^h 7:00pm – Ted McSweeney₽

Wednesday, March 26th 9:15am – Krystyna & Tadeusz Swierzewskat

Thursday, March 27th 7:00pm – Katie Jurkowic Stephenie Breznik

Friday, March 28th 8:00am – Available 6:30pm - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm – Mass

Saturday, March 29th 9:15am – Available 5:00pm – Birthday blessings for Marie-line and blessings for the family



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:



Gos: Lk 13, 1-9) Among other things, the Lenten Season invites us to true repentance. The parable in the Gospel today sets out to show that God is giving us time to repent following

the intervention of the gardener to allow the fig tree for one more year. Barrenness and the resultant fruitlessness are indications of sin. In the parable, our Lord is telling us to repent, or we risk elimination from the vineyard of the Lord. The Greek word in the narrative is "metanoia" which means a change of heart. God is, therefore, asking us to change our heart through an intense and conscious renewal of our roots not the decoration of the branches like the little boy did in our opening story to save the tree.

We need to return to God as the Israelites did after four hundred years of their slavery in Egypt, and God responded to them through Moses via the theophany of the Burning Bush as we saw in the First Reading (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15). The Burning Bush shows the ever-present (I AM) burning love of God that is waiting for us this Lenten Season. Our responsorial Psalm says, "the Lord is kind and mercy." Yes, He is waiting for us to turning back and become fruitful and productive.

The tree had one year to become productive; we have had years ahead of us to achieve our "metanoia" and come out from the slavery of sin. Now have a very fitting time to accomplish this and may we not allow it to elude us. God is interested in spiritual fruits not in barren religious trees. May we move from barrenness to essential fruitfulness to the glory of God and for our salvation. Amen.

Fr. Jerry.



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 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 momentumfor 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 (<u>https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org</u>). 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 23rd – March 29th, 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

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 <u>Celebration of Confirmation:</u> 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.



Lenten Retreat

Led by Bishop Emeritus: John Corrivieau

Wed. April 9th Thu. April 10th Fri. April 11th (7:30-8:30pm) Friday. April 11th – Lenten Confessions from 6:30-8:30pm



PALM SUNDAY- APRIL 12/13th, 2025 Sat-5pm, Sunday- 9.30am & 11.30am (Blessings and distribution of Palms at all masses)

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17th, 2025 Commemoration of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet. Mass - 7.30pm and Church is open for adoration till midnight

<u>GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18th, 2025</u> <u>Please note – No Mass on this day</u> Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Service at 1pm - (geared to Children) Service at 3pm - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy communion service.

Stations of the Cross- 7.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – April 19th, 2025 – Please note – NO 9.15am or 5pm mass Blessing of the Easter foods – 10.30am

EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8.00pm EASTER SUNDAY – April 20th, 2025 Mass - 9.30am & 11.30am



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.

Catholic Moms Group LOVE. LAUGHTER. MOMENTS OF GRACE Meetings: Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Church hall. 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 <u>https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission</u>

TAX RECEIPTS 2024

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. <u>No experience required</u>. 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:

Gary Baldassiむ, Katie Jurkowicむ Stephenie Breznikむ, Ana & Steve Risekむ Kim Brownむ.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend March 16th, 2025

Weekly: \$4,538.05 Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$79,247.68 Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$98,369.25

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 <u>stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org</u>

