

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

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

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Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit



FOURTH SUNDAY ON LENT



Mass Intentions Of the Week



Sunday, March 30th
9:30am – Pro Populo
11:30am – Ted McSweeney†

Monday, March 31st
NO MASS

Tuesday, April 1st
7:00pm – Raymond Pereira†,
Stanley Noronha†

Wednesday, April 2nd
9:15am – Queen of Heaven and
St. Dominic’s School Lent Mass

Thursday, April 3rd
7:00pm – Available

Friday, April 4th
8:00am – Available
5:30pm – Holy Hour
6:30pm – Stations of the Cross
7:00pm – Mass

Saturday, April 5th
9:15am – Zelia Soares†
5:00pm – Errol O’Brien†

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

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.

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: *Joshua: 5:9a, 10-12* *2 Corinthians: 5:17-21*
Luke: 15:1-3, 11-32

Today on Laetare Sunday, we are encouraged and uplifted by the Parable of the Prodigal Son First, notice the context. Jesus was receiving criticism from the Pharisees for including tax collectors and sinners into his circle. “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Rather than rebuff the Pharisees directly, he engages them in one of his most iconic parables. Notice the wayward son. He has sunk so low in his journey away from home that he seriously considers eating the feed that is given to swine. He “comes to his senses” with the realization of his father’s love and decides to return home, rehearsing a formal apology speech: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” Notice the father. “While he [the son] was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.” And when the son tries to deliver his rehearsed speech, the father does not need to hear it because he already knows his son’s heart. Instead, he orders his servants to prepare a great banquet. “Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.” Notice the jealous brother. People often speak of him disparagingly, but that’s missing the point: God’s love is bigger than our jealousies and personality dynamics. God embraces ALL: saints and sinners! That’s Good News! All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ. We rejoice because of God’s abundant mercy. The temptation to sin can be overwhelming and impossible as it nudges us away from God. But once we “come to our senses” and seek forgiveness, the Lord is ready to embrace us and welcome us home. God calls us to reconciliation. Let us rejoice, indeed!



Thanks for Your Support!

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 30th – April 5th, 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

1st Communion Retreat: April 5th at 10am or 12pm in the Church
1st Communion: April 27th or May 4th at 2pm



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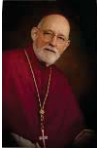
Confirmation Retreat-Saturday May 24th, 2025-10am-6pm
Celebration of Confirmation: June 3, or June 5, 2025 at 7:pm



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

Lenten Retreat

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



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

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

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18th, 2025 Please note – No Mass on this day

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

YOUTH CORNER UPCOMING SESSIONS AND SCHEDULE:

This Lenten series helps us imagine that what Jesus puts after "I AM" in the Gospel of John shapes our reality.
March 29th, 2025 - I am the light of the world
April 5th, 2025 - I am the door
April 19th - I am the good shepherd
April 26th - I am the resurrection and the life



PANCAKE SALE COLLECTION!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended Pancake Breakfast. We raised \$720 for the parish.
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the event.



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 <https://bit.ly/DFVCSUBMISSION>



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 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:

Gary Baldassi†, Katie Jurkovic†
Stephenie Breznik†,
Ana & Steve Risek†
Kim Brown†.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend March 23rd, 2025

Weekly: \$3,789

Cumulative Loan Repayment:
\$79,773.68

Cumulative Capital Campaign:
\$98,894.25

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

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