# St. Dominic

## Roman Catholic Church

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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

Ministers of Welcome Gary MacDonald Pastoral Council Fr. Terence Dias

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

## FIFTH SUNDAY ON LENT



## Sunday, April 6th

9:30am - Pro Populo

I I:30am – Raffaella & Evaristo Bernardi합, Joe Teixeira합, Bernandete Pereira합,

Walter Thomas Velso<sup>‡</sup>,

Thomas & Cecilia Velso<sup>‡</sup>

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

Tuesday, April 8th

7:00pm - Belmira Fumo 中

## Wednesday, April 9th

9:15am – St. Paul's School Lent Mass

7:30pm-8:30pm-LENTEN RETREAT

#### Thursday, April 10th

7:00pm – Stephen Evans⊕

Carmela Pistore

7:30pm-8:30pm-LENTEN RETREAT

#### Friday, April IIth

8:00am - Robert Neill 라

6:30pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - Sister Anna Chan<sup>⊕</sup>,

Eugene Horbatiuk&

7:30pm-8:30pm-LENTEN RETREAT 6:30pm-8:30pm-CONFESSIONS

## Saturday, April 12th

9:15am – Frank Policelli⊕

5:00pm - Forgotten & abandoned Souls

6:30pm – Passion Play

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:





### REFLECTIONS



Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." By saying this Jesus didn't mean that the woman didn't do any wrong. No way did Jesus approve of her sin, but instead, he showed mercy to her and pardoned her. And, as for the woman's accusers, Jesus redirected their judgmental frame of mind. Instead of judging others, they should judge themselves. Jesus did not condemn them either, but he helped them to come to their senses and realize their sinfulness.

As a penitential season, Lent is an invitation for us to recall our sinfulness in a particular way. The woman in this story is not just an isolated sinner. She represents all of us. She represents every person who has sinned. She represents you and me. But, the real focus of the narrative should be on the attitude of the self-appointed, righteous ones, the Scribes and Pharisees, whose harsh judgment of the woman clouded their consciences to their own sinfulness. They are sinners too, and also represent you and me. We sin in both ways - when we hurt others by indulging our desires at their expense and when we hurt others by setting ourselves up as superior and better than they.

Jesus offers that same compassion and mercy to each one of us, and also says to us - "NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU. GO, AND FROM NOW ON DO NOT SIN ANY MORE." He does not expect perfection of us. However, he expects us to strive for perfection. And this is today's Good News.



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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

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.



## 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

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY- APRIL 12 & 13 (Blessings and distribution of Palms at all masses)

5:00pm - Palm Sunday Vigil \* Mass 9:30am & II:30am - Palm Sunday

#### **HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17th**

Commemoration of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet.

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper and Church is open for adoration till midnight





## GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18th Please note - NO MASS ON THIS DAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- 1:00pm Service (geared to Children)
- 3:00pm Service Liturgy of the Word,

Veneration of the Cross, Holy communion service Stations of the Cross- 7.00pm

## HOLY SATURDAY - April 19th Please note - NO 9.15AM OR 5PM MASS

Blessing of the Easter foods - 10.30am

• 8:00pm - EASTER VIGIL MASS EASTER SUNDAY - April 20th

• Masses - 9.30am & 11.30am





#### St. Dominic's Youth Group presents "The Passion of Christ"

Saturday, April 12th at 6.30pm in the Parish hall (after the vigil mass) & Good Friday - April 18th at 1pm in the Church.

**ALL ARE WELCOME** 



#### **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.

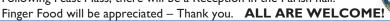
April 5<sup>th</sup> - I am the door April 19<sup>th</sup> - I am the good shepherd

**April 26**<sup>th</sup> - I am the resurrection and the life

#### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 11.30am

Following Feast Mass, there will be a Reception in the Parish hall.





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

Gary Baldassi ₽. Katie lurkowic ₽ Stephenie Breznik한, Kim Brown한 Ana & Steve Risek 7, Sister Anna Chan 7, Louisa Violo 中, Fabio Tintinaglia 中

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend March 30th, 2025

Weekly: \$4,827 **Cumulative Loan Repayment:** \$80,015.68

**Cumulative Capital Campaign:** \$99,314.25

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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