St. Dominic

Roman Catholic Church

A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

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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 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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD





PALM SUNDAY, April 13th

9:30am – Pro Populo II:30am – Wiktoria, Phillip Makuchowski & their grand parents t, Victtorio Silvestrit, George Anton Velsot, Martirez & Albert Alojt, Eugene Horbatiuk

Monday, April 14th HOLY WEEK NO MASS

Tuesday, April 15th **HOLY WEEK** 7:00pm – For all the deceased family members of Maria Silvestri

Wednesday, April 16th HOLY WEEK

9:15am – Zbigniew Zawistowski⊕ Krysztof Kostowski⊕, Marek Kowalewicz⊕

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th Please note – NO MASS ON THIS DAY Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1:00pm Service – Liturgy for Children

3:00pm Service - Adult Liturgy

7:00pm Service – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19th Please note – NO 9.15AM OR 5PM MASS Blessing of the Easter foods – 10.30am

8:00pm - EASTER VIGIL MASS

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 50.4-7 Philippians 2.6-11 Luke 22.14-23,56

Today is Palm Sunday and the doorway of the Holy Week. Today is also known as Passion Sunday as the Passion Narrative introduces us to the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the opening ceremony of the Palms, we heard the Gospel of Luke (19:28-40) which tells us about the entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Some people erroneously think that they could make a return for God's goodness by merely coming to Church on Sundays or any other "important" day or making some big donations or offerings to the Church. Making a material offering is commendable, but the offering of our souls to God is more desirable to Him. We don't come to Church to please God but to obtain spiritual nourishment for our faith journey.

The best return we can make to the Lord is to be passionate about what He wants from us. Most of us have a passion for a lot of things but not what should be helpful to our lives. You become passionate about God by loving Him with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind and loving others as you would love yourself (Luke 10:27). Furthermore, you demonstrate your love for God through your faithful obedience to Him (John 14:15).

As we launch into the Holy Week with the ceremony of the Palms today, let us focus on our Lord's passionate passion for the redemption of our souls and strive to return his liberating love by living holy and worthy lives throughout this season and beyond.



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 (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.

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



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

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

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EASTER SUNDAY - April 20th

Masses - 9.30am & 11.30am



The Passion Play

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



Help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter

Please drop off the flowers at the church on Friday or latest by Saturday morning



March for Life 2025 takes place in Ottawa on Thursday, May 8th.

Join thousands of pro lifers from across the nation on Parliament Hill to defend life in all its stages, from conception until natural death. Details to follow.





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 19**th - I am the good shepherd

April 26th - 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. Finger Food will be appreciated – Thank you. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Meetings: Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Church hall. April 22nd, May 20th & June 24th

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 Jurkowic[⊕] Stephenie Breznik한, Kim Brown한 Ana & Steve Risek 7, Sister Anna Chan 7, Luisa Violo 中, Fabio Tintinaglia 中

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend April 6th, 2025

Weekly: \$4,459 **Cumulative Loan Repayment:** \$80,469.68

Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$100,329.25

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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