# 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.

#### **B**aptisms 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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## REFLECTIONS

Readings: Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21: 1-19

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we have the account of how the followers of Jesus could not stop speaking about Him. On the other hand, the Gospel recounts how they did not believe at first and were really reluctant to believe even when they encountered Him. Who could really believe that a dead man came back to life after being dead for those three days? Even today some writers want to try to explain away the Resurrection of Jesus. Some writers will claim that He was in a coma. Others will insist that the Resurrection was a mental phenomenon. It is just too difficult to believe that a person really died, was dead for a couple of days and then was raised to life again by some powerful force.

The challenge for each of us in the time of the Easter Season is to deepen our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Book of Revelation changes the perspective to the end of time, but we are not ready to do that yet. We are challenged to believe in the here and now. If we believe now, then our lives truly change. Perhaps they don't change immediately but we know that Christ is always at our side, inviting us to change and to live in Him.

Jesus shows up in our lives in the most unexpected times and places. Sometimes when we feel completely caught in sin, we can sense His presence, inviting us to walk with Him. He does not at first even ask us to repent. He just invites us to walk with Him and to know Him. Sometimes when we can see no way out of a situation, we feel His presence. He does not fix our bad situation, but He walks with us and gives us the strength to keep on looking for a way to solve our problems.

To believe is a challenge for all of us. One of the best ways of believing is acting on a belief: let us walk with the Lord Jesus, let us serve others in love, let us deny ourselves so that others may have more, let us feed one another in love.

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 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 (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.

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BLESSED VIRGIN MART-ROSART WILL BE PRAYERD BEFORE MASS SUNDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Pro Populo 11:30am-Paul Quinless&, Barbara Sheedy&

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

Mass

Intentions

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Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - ROSARY

7:00pm – Forgotten & abandoned Souls in Purgatory, For the soul of Tony Alves & intentions of wife and family

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 8:45am - ROSARY 9:15am-Fernandez फे, Hildegard Reinthaler फे

THURSDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - ROSARY

7:00pm – Laura Krajewski& For the healing & prayers for Aleksandra & Tony Dobranowski

FRIDAY, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30am - ROSARY 8:00am - Available

SATURDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup> 8:45am - ROSARY 9:15am – Available 5:00pm – Available

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:



## May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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



### **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 (EVERY TUESDAY) IN MAY 10:30am-11:30am for all ages **NO YANG Style 88** classes until June 3rd, 2025

## **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:

Joy Robinson <sup>‡</sup>, Deadato Vierra<sup>‡</sup> Luisa Violo �, Fabio Tintinaglia � Sister Anna Chan₽



## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Weekend April 27th, 2025

Weekly: \$4,034.55 **Cumulative Loan Repayment:** \$81,983.40 **Cumulative Capital Campaign:** \$102,125.25 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

NATIONAL 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.



Meetings: Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Church hall. May 20<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>



PLEASE NOTE, NO YOUTH GROUP ON MAY 17TH FOR THE LONG WEEKEND AND ON MAY 24TH FOR THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT Happy Easter! Following Jesus' resurrection, we now

move to explore lesus' legacy and in it his first followers' paths to living in his example:

Saturday May 3 @ 4PM - "Paul: Mission on the Move" Saturday May 10 @ 4PM - "Peter: Bold, Broken, Restored"

## LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents. The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more info. Space is limited. To register, visit: https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH CARDINAL FRANK LEO – NOVEMBER 10 – 17, 2025**

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo, taking place on November 10 - 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited. Details, and info about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025.

## 2025 ACTS SPRING RETREATS

"Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life. " The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.

Women's Retreat – May 22 – 25, 2025 Men's Retreat – June 19 - 22, 2025 The retreat will take place at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre -1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON



## A Day With Mary

Online registration is now open for A Day With Mary taking place May 31 at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine

Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnesses and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities - something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary

