

# 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](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

### Parish Schools

St. Dominic's Elementary 905-278-9821

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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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Pastor's Corner

### REFLECTIONS



Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

How often our lives look as though they will just go on and on. Perhaps as we get older, we begin to recognize that we shall die. Many spiritual writers, however, encourage us to live today with an awareness that we might die right now. This awareness can deepen our inner life. We begin to recognize the importance of everything that we do. If we are living for God in every action of our lives, then how wonderful life is. Most of us, however, live lives that are mixtures of good and bad choices. We don't always choose to live in ways that are completely loving and selfless. Rather we choose that which brings us pleasure and sometimes brings us fleeting happiness and joy. We seem not to look beyond the present minute.

Advent keeps telling us that there is more to life than the present moment. We are created in God and shall live eternally with God—but we must choose now to begin to live that life. The first reading today, from the Prophet Isaiah, is not a blueprint of how to bring peace into our present world. Rather, it is another message to us telling us that the only way to peace is to live in God. The only way that our world can live in peace is if it accepts God entirely. Isaiah is wise enough to know that this will not happen in the world as we know it. Rather it is only possible in another world, a world completely in God. So you and I should not be expecting any kind of divine peace in our world. That is not to say that we should not strive to change our world. Rather, we must keep our expectations for a perfect world for the life that comes after this life.

The second reading, from the Letter to the Romans, reminds us that now is the time to change our lives. When we think about the end of the world, when we think about the end of our own lives, too often we think that there is still plenty of time for us to convert and to begin to live completely in Christ. The Letter to the Romans wants us to know that NOW is the time to change. There is no other time. So, Advent keeps pushing us to think deeply about life and about death. How am I living today? The way that I am living today is how I shall be if I die today. Do I want to be for eternity as I am today? Let us turn to Jesus our Lord and ask Him to transform us so that we may live with His love entirely, now and for ever.

*Fr. Jerry.*



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

### NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

We like to thank the parish for patiently waiting for an update on our campaigns especially the capital campaign for our parking lot resurfacing. There was a lot of work behind the scenes. We had to get approval from the Archdiocese for several steps through the project. The Archdiocese insisted we hire an engineering firm for overseeing the project to make ensure the quality of work being performed. We had to go through a vendor selection process for an engineering firm. Once they were selected and approved the engineering firm had to approve the scope of the project and a budget and go through another vendor selection process for the company to do the paving. The engineering firm recommended that additional masonry work had to be done so that the parking lot asphalt didn't touch the brick of the building which would lead to deterioration of the building brickwork.

The contractor selected to do the paving quoted \$229,000. The masonry work was \$45,000 and the engineering firm was \$15,000 for a total cost of \$289,000. We have raised \$133,000 for the capital campaign. The Parish had previously raised \$56,000 from the Family of Faith campaign for a total of \$189,000. This means that we will have to borrow an additional \$100,000 from the Archdiocese to fund the project.

For the loan repayment we have raised \$127,000 of the \$200,000 goal or 63% of our goal. That means we can raise another \$73,000 that will be matched by the Archdiocese. The focus on the upcoming year is to repay the loan and take advantage of the matching program.

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 as well as the donation boxes. We also 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 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.**



### Mass Intentions Of the Week



#### Sunday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Pro Populo

11:30am – Giovanni Natalina Bonora†, Carmel, Michael & MaryAnn Zammit†, William Marno†, Baby Angelo Jace Daras Dilo†

#### Monday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

**NO MASS**

#### Tuesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00pm – Teresa O'Reilly†

#### Wednesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:15am- **QUEEN OF HEAVEN & ST. DOMINIC'S ADVENT MASS**

#### Thursday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

7pm – Romeo Chosa†, Jose Canario & Mr. & Mrs. Halka†

#### FIRST FRIDAY, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Available

6:00pm – **HOLY HOUR**

7:00pm – For the intentions of Doris Zammit, Virginia Arruda†

#### Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – Zelia Soares†, Forgotten & abandoned souls in purgatory

5:00pm – Amelia Furtado Ledo†, Daphne Logo†, Alda Alves†, Gordon Taverner†, Layla Mae†

#### ☆ 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:



November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**ADVENT Confessions:** Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE



**Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5, 7, 9:30pm & Midnight (12am) (5pm mass – Geared to Children)  
**Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** Mass: 9:30 & 11:30am

**New Year's Eve Mass Wednesday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00pm**  
**New Year Day Mass Thursday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30am & 11:30am**

**Please NOTE: FIRST FRIDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holy Hour at 6pm & followed by Mass at 7pm (NO MORNING MASS)**

## 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 11:30am - 12:30pm**

## RCIA

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:

Ginette Lamontagne†, Viola Manella†, Angela & Celestino Durante†, Shelma Dunn†, Jeane Mattiussi†, Maureen Hickey†, Leonie Attard†,



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**Weekly: \$3,643.75**  
**Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$131,014.72**  
**Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$135,345**

*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](mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org)

## TIP TAP PAY – A NEW WAY TO GIVE

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that you can help support your parish with a simple tap. Simply tap and hold your payment card to the 'tip tap' device to give to your parish. That's it! You can also receive a tax receipt for your 'tip tap' gift as well.

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**Thank you for your kind heart and for supporting our church!**



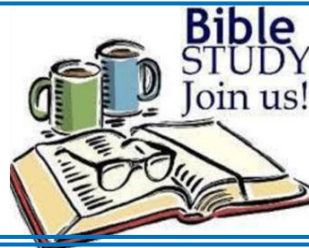
## Bible study every Friday from

**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.**



**Catholic Moms will gather on the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Church Hall.**

*I love my*  
**Catholic Moms Group**  
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December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>,  
April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> & June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Knights of Columbus  
St. Dominic Council 14968  
And St. Dominic Church



## An Evening With Santa

The Celebration Begins with  
5:00 pm Mass

Saturday December 6, 2025

Following Mass please proceed to the church hall for an evening of Advent fun.

Meet Santa !

Enjoy Refreshments,  
(hot dogs, chips, popcorn,  
soft drinks)

Fun, games and crafts  
included with admission

Adults, \$10.00  
Children 5-12 \$5.00  
Children under 5 FREE!



CHRISTMAS  
NATIVITY PLAY

We're looking for children who would like to participate and help bring the Christmas story to life at our **Christmas Eve Mass.**

Our first practice will be on **December 6 at 2pm in the church.**  
All are welcome to join!



## CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation information meeting for parents and children will be held on **January 24 at 3:15 PM in the parish hall.** We look forward to seeing you there! We also encourage all candidates to join our St. Dominic Youth Group as we grow in faith on this journey together.



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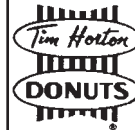
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