

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

Doris Zammit & Fatima Amaral

Gia and Gerson D'souza

Fr. Terence Dias

Diana Padzik

Bridie Boyd, Rea Santaguida &
Isabel DeFilippis

Michelle Gal-Chalmers

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Anne Scott, Jennifer Varnam &
Leandro Gonsalves

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Michael Spadafora & Sergio Iavicoli

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Virginia Ittig-Deland

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Silvio Fernandes & Bruno Bajic

Fr. Terence Dias

Margaret Ramsay

Ryle & Leandro Gonsalves

Bianca & Daniella Almeida,

Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions Of the Week

Sunday, Dec 7th

9:30am – Pro Populo

11:30am – Joe Teixeira & Bernadette Pereira✠, In thanksgiving for so many graces received & blessings to the family on the wedding anniversary, Jose Rocha✠, Sidalia Pereira✠, Romeo Chosa✠

Monday, Dec 8th

NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 9th

7:00pm – John O'Reilly✠

9:15am - **ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ADVENT MASS**

Wednesday, Dec 10th

9:15am – Special intentions of William Rodrigues & family

Thursday, Dec 11th

7pm – Birthday blessings & prayers for Teresa Konopka✠

FRIDAY, Dec 12th

8:00am – In thanksgiving & all intentions of Father Terry

Saturday, Dec 13th

9:15am – Available

5:00pm – Forgotten & abandoned souls in purgatory, Maria Farace✠, Birthday blessings for Dominica Bednarczyk & Donald Fiske

☆ 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:



Pastor's Corner

REFLECTIONS

Readings: *Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12*

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: "... the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



Fr. Terry

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.**

December 7th – December 13th, 2025



ADVENT Confessions: Friday, December 19th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec 24th
5, 7, 9:30pm & Midnight (12am) (5pm mass – Geared to Children)

Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 25th Mass: 9:30 & 11:30am

Boxing Day Friday, Dec 26th - NO MASS

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

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



Please DONATE POINSETTAS

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas!

Drop it off at the church

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.

YOUTH GROUP: ☀ We're excited to keep the fun and faith going with Youth Group this month! Join us on **December 13th** for games, friendship, and growing together in faith. 🕒 **Grades 4–6: 3:00PM**
🕒 **Grades 7–8: 4:00PM.** Bring a friend — everyone's welcome! 🙌

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2026 have arrived. They are available at the Parish office on weekdays. The cost is \$6.00.



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 'taptap' device to give to your parish. That's it! You can also receive a tax receipt for your 'taptap' gift as well.

After your first tap, scan the parish QR Code right away with your smart phone and register your payment card. You only need to register your card once. After your card has been registered, you will receive an end-of-year tax receipt for all of your 'taptap' gifts. All 'taptap' gifts prior to registering your card are not eligible for a tax receipt. Your card will be charged the amount indicated on the device each time you tap with your card. You can also tap the device multiple times to donate more to your parish. Your data is completely secure.

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
LOVE, LAUGHTER, MOMENTS OF GRACE

December 16th, 2025
January 13th, February 17th, March 17th,
April 14th, May 12th & June 16th, 2026

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

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†
Thelma Dunn†, Jeane Mattiussi†,
Maureen Hickey†, Leonie Attard†,



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend November 30th, 2025

Weekly: \$4,540.85

Cumulative Loan Repayment:
\$131,348.87

Cumulative Capital Campaign:
\$135,510

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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