# 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, I I: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
Finance Council Fr. Terence Dias

First Holy Communion and Wray Carvelas, Ryle Gonsalves, Confirmation Preparation Anne Scott, Jennifer Varnam &

Leandro Gonsalves
Funeral Ministry Zeena Silvester

General Church Maintenance Michael Spadafora & Sergio lavicoli

Knights of Columbus Gary McDonald
Marriage Rehearsal Christine van Driel
Ministers of Eucharist Fiona Pereira
Ministry of Music (SATB Choir) Daniel D'Amario

(Folk Choir) Anastasia Marcella
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

of Adults)

ShareLife Fr. Terence Dias
St. Vincent de Paul Margaret Ramsay

Youth Ministry Ryle & Leandro Gonsalves
Bianca & Daniella Almeida,

Ryan Hermetz & Eva Pacheco Petit







Mass Intentions Of the Week



#### Sunday, Dec 14th

9:30am - Pro Populo II:30am - Gerry Thomas학, Olympia DeMarco학, Antonio Muzzo학, Paulo DeMarco학

### Monday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

#### Tuesday, Dec 16th

7:00pm – Patricia Anne Thomas∜, Paul Bochar∜

#### Wednesday, Dec 17th

9:15am – Prayers & blessings for Gregory & his family

#### Thursday, Dec 18th

7pm - Prayers & blessings for Kristina's health & well-being

#### FRIDAY, Dec 19th

8:00am – George Caldwell한 6:30pm to 8:30pm -ADVENT CONFESSION

#### Saturday, Dec 20th

9:15am – Gabriela Cabral & Jason Anthony Medeiros ♣, 5:00pm – Forgotten & abandoned souls in purgatory

- ★ 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:



#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Pastor's Corner

#### **REFLECTIONS**



Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Every year we hear these wonderful readings from the Scriptures of our faith. We hear the Prophet Isaiah proclaiming over and over that salvation is coming, that things will be differing, that "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return."

Yet our world seems not different at all! When we look at our human history, the same realities of violence, greed, lust, power, domination, and quest for wealth go on over and over and over. The poor are always oppressed. We humans don't really seem to care about the blind or the deaf, unless there is some money it for us. We humans have never made a great human success of the world. Instead, we find over and over that the wealthy get more wealth and the powerful rule the nations. Sure, once in a while we find a saint, either in our own Catholic tradition or in some other great religion or just a great person who seems to love. At the level of our personal lives, we find the same incapacity always to do what is right and what is good. We often choose to do the right thing or choose to try to be good—yet we find ourselves not living up to our own choices! In this darkness that surrounds us all, we can surely long for a Redeemer! We have to be aware that Jesus comes to redeem us but He does not promise to change the world! He promises to change those who follow Him and that is quire different. The changes that we want in our world depend on us.

How do we live? Do we help the blind to see? Do we help the deaf to hear? Are we people who bring life to others and who bring good tidings to all? This is Christ's invitation to us in this Advent. Our own personal lives can only be all that is possible when we are doing the will of God. Once we begin to look for His will and to try to do it, all our other ambitions begin to fade and our values take their rightful places in our lives. So today, this third Sunday of Advent, we are invited once more to follow the Lord and to know that this will transform our life entirely. Let us walk in this path with love and confidence and see what the Lord has planned for us! Let us thank Him and bless His name.

Fr. Terry.





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

<u>Please NOTE:</u> FIRST FRIDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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

THANK YOU, DEAR PARISHIONERS, for making our VENDOR MARKET a huge success. We raised \$3,187.45. A special thank you to Michael, Rose, Nick & Maria Spadafora, Edmund Soares, Silvio Fernandes, Savanna Altamore, Teresa Rocha and Rosanna Gomes.

We would also like to thank all our contributors & donators – AI Cash and Carry & Metro (Lakeshore). Lastly, to all the volunteers including students from St. Paul's for their time and dedication & Mike & Rose for organizing this event.

**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 'tiptap' device to give to your parish. That's it! You can also receive a tax receipt for your 'tiptap' 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.



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

#### **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**

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:

Joanne O'Gorman McCaffrey&,
Mary Okeeffe&, Jeane Mattiussi&,
Ginette Lamontagne&, Thelma Dunn&
Leonie Attard&, Viola Manella&

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly: \$4,115.42 Cumulative Loan Repayment: \$131,323.97 Cumulative Capital Campaign: \$135,375

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 <a href="mailto:stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org">stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org</a>



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