

St. Dominic

Roman Catholic Church

A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus



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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

Maria Dragicevic

Fr. Terence Dias

Diana Padzik

Bridie Boyd, Rea Santaguida &

Isabel DeFilippis

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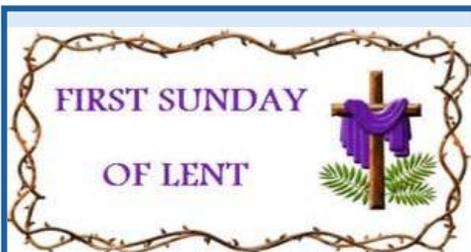
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Pastor's Corner

REFLECTIONS

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Always we begin Lent by reflecting again on our experience of sin. The readings to invite us to wonder how sin ever happened in the world. The Book of Genesis is describing the inspired author's understanding of how such a calamity could have affected all of us. Genesis is really an attempt to understand why it is that no humans seem to be free of sinfulness and brokenness. When we reflect on the Gospel, we have to ask ourselves some strong questions. Have I ever wanted others to respect me? Have I wanted others to think highly of me? This is one of the temptations of Jesus. Have I ever been willing to trade something of value so that I could have something I really wanted? Have I been willing to sacrifice others in order to get what I wanted? Have I ever sort of sidestepped the law in anything so that I could get something I wanted? These are the kinds of questions that we can associate with turning stones into bread. What am I will to do for my own advancement? What am I willing to do to maintain a controlling power over others?

Perhaps many of us know that we are capable of these kinds of actions or other similar actions, even when we may not indulge in them all the time. We can also think of situations where a person is willing to play with evil for the sake of a hoped for good. Here I think of Endo's novel "Silence" in which a missionary priest is willing to renounce his faith in the hopes that it will spare the lives of others. But it doesn't, and that is so often a point that we would rather not hear. Our tradition is very clear that we cannot use evil to attain good. Today we like to stretch that a little bit and think that it isn't so bad. And for sure, it is not so bad, but it is still bad. We compromise our values far too easily in the present age.

May this Lent bring us to a deeper awareness of Christ's struggle with temptation and a deeper trust in Him when we are tempted. May we entrust all our sinfulness to the Lord with a confidence that He can transform us.

Wish you all A Joyful & Prayerful Holy season of Lent.



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.**

TIP TAP PAY – A NEW WAY TO GIVE

St. Dominic's parish has installed Tip Tap Pay devices at all the church entrances 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. **Thank you for your kind heart and for supporting our church!**

Mass Intentions Of the Week



Sunday, Feb 22nd
9:30am – Pro Populo
11:30am – Fernando, Florentina & Romeo Gorospe†

Monday, Feb 23rd
NO MASS

Tuesday, Feb 24th
7:00pm – Denis Rodrigues†

Wednesday, Feb 25th
9:15am – Prayers & blessings for my children and their families well-being

Thursday, Feb 26th
7:00pm – Alwyn Rodrigues†

FRIDAY, Feb 27th
8:00am – Available
6:30pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00pm - Steve Lepone†

Saturday, Feb 28th
9:15am – Available
5:00pm – Filippo Falcone†
For the soul of Angela Sitor &
For the recovery of Abdul Rahid

- ☆ **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:



February 22nd – February 28th, 2026

TAX RECEIPTS 2025

Thank you for your donations to support the church. **Tax receipts for 2025 are ready for pick up.** On the weekends the tax receipts will be available with the ushers and on weekdays they will be at the office. If you would like your receipt to be emailed, please call us at: 905-278-7762, Or email us at stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org and provide us your email address.

During Lent,
we will have
**THE STATIONS OF
THE CROSS** every
Friday at 6:30pm
followed by Mass
at 7pm.

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.

ST DOMINIC'S THIRD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE EVENT RESULTS.

Here's a breakdown of the main categories:

1. People in attendance totaled **310**
2. Total revenue generated was **\$18,500**
3. Total expenses amounted to **\$1,500**
4. Total profit of = **\$17,000.**



All proceeds will go towards payment of our parking lot loan, to the Archdiocese of Toronto. Once again, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your contributions, your dedication, and your unwavering support. Together, we have proven that with faith and unity, anything is possible. Thank you, and may God continue to bless our efforts and Mother Mary guide us on our journey ahead.

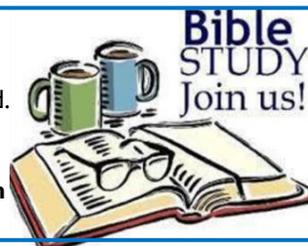
Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that our parish has raised \$800 at the Pancake breakfast that was held last weekend. All proceeds will go directly to the parking lot loan repayment.

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.



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREATS & COMMUNION RECEIVING PRACTICE:

April 11th or 18th at 10am or 1pm.

Celebration of First Communion:

Sunday April 26th or Sunday May 3rd at 2pm



CONFIRMATION: We had our kick off meeting on January 24th, 2026, **registration is open, forms can be found on St. Dominic's website under the tab "sacraments"**. Please be sure to complete your registration by the deadline.



YOUTH GROUP will continue during Lent on the following dates:
March 7, and March 14.

- Grades 4–6: 3:00–4:00 pm (Lenten Youth Group)
- Grades 7–8: 4:00–5:00 pm (Confirmation & Maturity)

All are welcome—we look forward to seeing everyone there!

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

March 17th,
April 14th, May 12th &
June 16th, 2026

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:

Peter Pownet†, Armand Steeves†, Ramon Barrios†, Paul Snowdon†, Helen Logue†, Mary Okeeffe†



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend February 15th, 2026

Weekly: \$7,361.85

Cumulative Loan Repayment:
\$136,796.67

Cumulative Capital Campaign:
\$141,640

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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