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The First Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2021



A TIME TO
RENEW

Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 9:30 am - 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

The office is currently closed to the public. For enquiries and support please contact staff by phone or by email. Appointments can be booked if required.

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During Lent thirst and hunger for God and His Word; be filled, renewed and transformed.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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9:00 AM + MRS. DEYARANI JOHNPILLAI

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + DIAGO HENRIQUES
+ SANTA TACCONE

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + MARGARET HENRIQUES

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. RIYAAN SALDANHA
+ ROSLYN PHILLIP

FRIDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + SIMON & SYLVIA D'SOUZA
+ VERNON FERNANDES

SATURDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ JOE, AGATHA & CHARLOTTE NUNES

SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM + CARLOS REYES CASAL SR.
9:45 AM AVAILABLE
11:00 AM + VICTOR KWAN
+ ANTONIO & LAURA MOURA & FAMILY
+ AGOSTINO MANSERRA
12:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

DAILY INTENTIONS

The Cardinal has granted dispensation to the lay faithful for missing Mass on Sunday. In lieu of receiving an Eucharistic Communion, the lay faithful can pray for a Spiritual Communion.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention please email the parish office at denise.ford@archtoronto.org. Please include the full name for the Mass intention, and include your name and phone number.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing out all 2020 Tax Receipts for St. Francis de Sales parishioners.



Please remember to pick up your box of 2021 offertory envelopes. If you require a box, please contact the parish office. **PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD ENVELOPES.**

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MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Weekday Masses are 9:00 a.m. These days will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Our Sunday Mass Schedule is:

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am; 9:45am; 11:00am; 12:15pm. This will be on a first come first serve basis.

You are required under the Durham Region By-law and Cardinal Collins to wear a facemask inside the church building. **If you are ill, we ask that you stay home.**

Please arrive early, as there will be designated pews for you and/or families to be seated by an Usher. As you leave, there will be an offertory donation box by the Baptismal Font into which you may place your donations.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT



The parish will have Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am, followed by 9am Mass, and 9:30am to 10 a.m. confessions.


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 we make in wearing masks,
 staying home, getting vaccinated,
 and otherwise limiting our
 freedoms to stop the spread of COVID.
 May all of our efforts accelerate
 the healing needed to usher us back
 into life after the pandemic. Amen.

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ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,
 If you are not able to attend, but still wish to donate, here are the ways in which you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or drop off to the parish locked mailbox by the office door, or drop off in the donations box at Mass.
- Online donations can be made at www.archtoronto.org. Simply click on the donate now icon, select St. Francis de Sales parish from the drop down menu and the fund you wish to donate to. This can be done as a onetime donation or as an ongoing monthly donation. It will give you a place to choose that option.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish website. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

We are excited to be celebrating First Reconciliation. Please refer to the parish website for dates and times. We kindly ask that one parent only accompanies their child to the Parish for the sacrament of First Reconciliation. **Please remember to bring your child's completed First Reconciliation book on their First Reconciliation date. We will also hand out the First Communion preparation books on this date, for your child to work on in preparation for the sacrament of First Communion.** First Communions dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Please make sure your child has watched all 3 videos before receiving their First Reconciliation, so that they are familiar with why and how we go to Confession. Please continue to check our Parish website and bulletin weekly for further updates. We are looking forward to seeing all the children soon for their very special First Reconciliation Day!

CONFIRMATION

Registration is now closed and for those interested, we look forward to seeing you this September!

Classes resume February 21st and 22nd. It is absolutely **ESSENTIAL** that families participate in virtual mass. Visit the Confirmation page on the parish website to view your Confirmation Spotify playlist! Classes will continue throughout the month of March since the provincial government has decided that the March Break will now be in April. Please check the parish website for more information.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Please support Catholic Family Services of Durham, through their virtual

Heart to Heart at Home 2021!

Saturday, February 27, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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