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*"The Measure of Love,
is Love without Measure"*

– Saint Francis de Sales

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 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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Heart Speaks to Heart

A Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Cardinal Thomas Collins Archbishop of Toronto (abridged excerpt)



The Need for Devotion to the Sacred Heart

After a year of Covid, we are all heavy laden, and in great need of rest for our souls Many people are desperately sick in hospitals, and those who serve them grow weary, while even more people see their livelihoods destroyed; the toll of human misery grows ever greater.... the unnatural and seemingly unending isolation and distancing can be unbearable. And at a time when spiritual strength is needed most, access to the essential spiritual oxygen of the sacraments is curtailed; In the midst of this grief, we also see extraordinary examples of love and sacrifice, and selfless service ... but the tensions of our times are starkly before us all.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

.... Across the globe refugees flee oppressive regimes, and the blood of martyrs rebukes us in our comfortable

Christianity. In our own country, social trends antagonistic to the Gospel gather strength. Anger mounts in the social media, in political discourse, and sometimes in the streets. Even in the Church, and especially in the Church, we cannot escape from the tides of acrimony.

....Especially in these tempestuous times we have a mission, received in Baptism and Confirmation, to move outward with compassionate love, in the imitation of Christ, to share his healing love.

.... It seems ever more clear to me that especially in these days we would all do well to focus intently on the symbol of the compassionate love of Christ: the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

And so I am inviting all Catholics in this archdiocese, in all our families, religious communities, parishes, hospitals, schools, and institutions, to focus on the significance of this sign of the sacrificial and compassionate love of Christ, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to make devotion to the Sacred Heart a vital part of our life of faith.

Share in Cardinal Collins' invitation to grow in devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Read this letter (unabridged) by visiting:

(<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/sacred-heart-of-jesus/sacred-heart-pastoral-letter.pdf>)

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 14 JUNE

9:00 AM S.I. DOREEN CLEMENTS
+ ELVIRA MACHADO

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE

9:00 AM + BENJAMIN LAKRA
+ ERNESTO GARCIA
+ LEONARD TOOMY SR.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CARVALHO
& MONTEIRO FAMILIES

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE

9:00 AM + BARBARA CANNATA

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE

9:00 AM + BASTIAMPILLAI MARIAMPILLAI

SATURDAY, 19 JUNE

9:00 AM + ALWIN BASTIANPILLAI

5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ ANNA & TERRENCE JOSEPH

SUNDAY, 20 JUNE

8:30 AM + COLIN DESOUZA
+ DORIS MCKEOGH
+ PATRICK MARTIL
9:45 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
11:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR KEVIN ALLES
+ JUANITA MALONE
+ SUSAN CHOU
12:15 PM + WHITFIELD GREEN

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. **The parish office remains closed. 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.**



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you know of a non-Catholic in our neighbourhood who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Father Joe for an appointment. Our classes will begin in September.

RCIA SPONSORS

If you are a practicing Catholic and would like to sponsor a candidate for RCIA for this upcoming year please phone Father Joe for an appointment.

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.

Confessions will be held on Fridays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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.

ShareLife

Due to Covid19 restrictions, the collection dates for ShareLife have been adjusted. Please note that you can donate to this year's ShareLife appeal at any time. You may place your donation in the offertory box located behind the baptismal font or give by way of credit card (by visiting www.sharelife.org), before the end of October which is the closing of the ShareLife Appeal for 2021. Thank you for your generosity.

To date we have collected \$33,515 (40%) of our Parish goal, which is \$84,800.

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

REFLECTION

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a form of devotion to the person Jesus, and especially to His Love.

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* details a history of this devotion. It observed that from the time of Saint John and Saint Paul there has always been in the Church something like devotion to the love of God, Who so loved the world as to give it His only-begotten Son, and to the love of Jesus, Who has so loved us as to deliver Himself up for us. But, accurately speaking, this is not the devotion to the Sacred Heart, as it pays no homage to the Heart of Jesus as the symbol of His love for us. From the earliest centuries, Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. But there is nothing to indicate that, during the first ten centuries, any worship was rendered the wounded Heart.

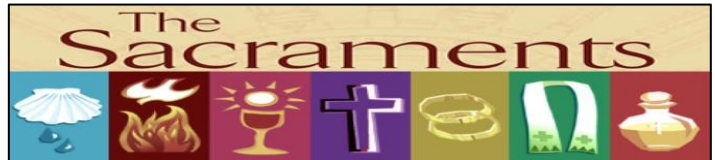
It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side the wounded Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of Divine Love. Saint Gertrude (d. 1302) had a vision on the feast of John the Evangelist when asked Saint John if on the night of the Last Supper, he had felt these delightful pulsations, why he had never spoken of the fact. Saint John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its love.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart developed further during the seventeenth century. The devotion was greatly increased by the visions Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a French Visitantine nun at the convent of Paray-le-Monial. She had a vision of Christ's Heart on the feast of Saint John that was similar to that of Saint Gertrude. Jesus permitted her to rest her head upon His Heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of His love, telling her that He desired to make this known to mankind and to diffuse the treasures of His goodness, and that He had chosen her for this work, (probably 1673, Dec. 27). In June or July of 1674, Sister Margaret Mary said, Jesus asked to be honored under the figure of His Heart of Flesh and asked for a devotion of expiatory love — frequent Communion, Communion on the first Friday of each month and the observance of Holy Hours. In another vision, on the solemnity of Corpus Christi 1675, Sister Margaret Mary reported that Jesus told her, "Behold the Heart that has so loved men...instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of mankind) only ingratitude..." Jesus then asked for a feast of reparation on the Friday after the octave of *Corpus Christi*.

(The above was taken from Behind the Catholic Counter website).

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MAY 2021

| | <u>GOAL</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| SUNDAY OFFERTORY | \$60,000 | \$28,765 |
| MORTGAGE FUND | \$10,000 | \$5,877 |
| BUILDING FUND | \$5,000 | \$2,176 |
| DEBT OUTSTANDING | | \$2,312,571 |



FIRST COMMUNION

We are so excited to let you know that we have now set the new First Communion Mass dates. Please see the below First Communion schedule, and add them to your family calendar. **We kindly ask you to check our parish website for further information on the preparations, the Friday rehearsal dates, and attire for your child's First Communion day.** We are looking forward to seeing all the children soon!

- **Saturday June 26 10 a.m.** – St. Catherine of Siena and Public School children.
- **Saturday June 26 1 pm** – St. Francis de Sales and St. Jude
- **Saturday July 10 10am** – Virtual School Group A
- **Saturday July 10 1pm** – Virtual Schools Group B
- **Saturday July 17 10am** – St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Andre
- **Saturday July 17 1pm** – St. Patrick and other Catholic schools

CONFIRMATION

The time has finally come where we can now safely celebrate our Confirmation Masses! Below you will find the schedule for our Confirmation Masses. **Please head to the Confirmation page on our website for more information regarding the Confirmation Masses.** If your child attended the Durham Catholic Virtual Elementary School prior to the lockdown please note the date under "Virtual School". **Due to the limited capacity restrictions in the Church, changing dates will not be permitted.**

- **July 6, 2021:** St. Catherine of Siena & St. Francis de Sales |
- **July 7, 2021:** Virtual School |
- **July 8, 2021:** St. Jude & Other Catholic |
- **July 13, 2021:** St. Josephine Bakhita Group 1 (Last name A – L) & St. André Bessette Group 1 (Last Names C – M) |
- **July 14, 2021:** St. Josephine Bakhita Group 2 (Last name M – X) & St. André Bessette Group 2 (Last Names N – W) |
- **July 15, 2021:** St. Patrick & Public/Private



CCCBC Statement Delegation to the Holy See

The Catholic Bishops in Canada have genuinely heard the sincere invitation to engage wholeheartedly with the past and are deeply committed to take truly meaningful active steps together with Indigenous Peoples in view of a future filled with greater respect and cooperation. The recent discovery of children's remains at a burial site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia remind us of a tragic legacy still felt today. With the strong encouragement of Pope Francis, the Bishops of Canada have pledged true and deep commitment to renewing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples across the land. In recent years, regional and diocesan listening circles have taken place across the country in order to hear the stories from local Indigenous communities and their hopes for the future. Mutual listening is the beginning of our common efforts to bring about shared and long-lasting reconciliation, authentic healing and bridge building.

In conversation with Indigenous people and communities, both at the local and national levels, and bilaterally with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit national organizations, the Bishops, sponsors of this project, have been preparing, for over two years now, a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country. The event will likewise provide Pope Francis with a unique opportunity to hear directly from Indigenous Peoples, express his heartfelt closeness, address the impact of colonization and the implication of the Church in the residential schools, so as to respond to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has stalled this project; however, the Bishops remain committed to moving forward with the delegation prior to the end of 2021, in compliance with international travel guidelines.

The delegation to the Holy See represents an important step on the journey of reconciliation and shared healing for Indigenous Peoples and the Church in Canada. Pope Francis, in his 6 June 2021 Angelus message, spoke about the shocking discovery of children's remains at the former Kamloops residential school and, while conveying sorrow and solidarity, emphasized the importance of "*walking side by side in dialogue and in mutual respect in the recognition of the rights and cultural values of all the sons and daughters of Canada*". It is our hope that these forthcoming encounters – and the important collaboration and partnership that has supported the planning – will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.

10 June 2021

Prayer for this Community

For all the people of our community,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For peace and harmony,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our families and friends,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our civic and religious leaders,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who work for the good of others,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who suffer pain, loss and sorrow,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who believe in God,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

Lord,
listen to our prayers
for the men, women and children of our community.
Bless us and guide all our actions.
Be with us at all times,
for we place our lives in your hands
now and for ever.

Amen.

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*,

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