

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES** ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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

#### **Parish Hours**

#### DAILY MASS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 am

#### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY SUNDAY

5:00 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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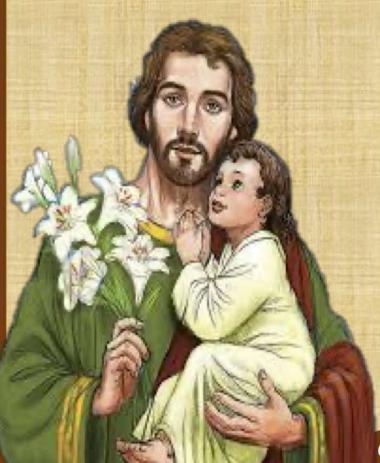
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# **A PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

Pope St. John XXIII



St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

# UPDATE: Join us this week at the church for:

- Weekday Mass: Monday Saturday at 9:00am
- Private Prayer: Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Sacrament of Confession: Friday 9:30am to 10:00am
- Mass of Obligation: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am/9:45am/11:00am and 12:15pm

On-line Weekend Reflection by Fr. Joe or Fr. David (see Home Page)

Space is limited to 15% capacity on a first-come-first-seated basis. See Bulletin Insert for details.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 21 JUNE			
+ MARGARET ELIDA EVANS			
+ CESAR FERNANDEZ			
TUESDAY, 22 JUNE			
S.I. LINDA GRUDZINSKI			
+ EDNA CLAYTON			
+ ROQUE M. GALAPIN			
WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE			
+ ARTHUR TAYLOR			
THURSDAY, 24 JUNE			
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR TERESA			
VIECHWEG			
S.I. LOUIE & ANGIE UNTALAN			
+ DONALD DAVIES			
FRIDAY, 25 JUNE			
S.I. DOREEN CLEMENTS			
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS			
RECEIVED			
SATURDAY, 26 JUNE			
NO MORNING MASS			
+ JOE, AGATHA & CHARLOTTE NUNES			
+ VERNON FERNANDES			
SUNDAY, 27 JUNE 8:30 AM S.I. FRANCIS PALAYATHIL			
S.I. FRANCIS PALAYATHIL			
+ ROSA & JOAO BRAGA & FAMILY			
+ PEDRO & EUFRECINA CHICHIOCO			
+ ALBERT MARTINS			
+ CHARLES CLEMENTS			
FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BURAGO			
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BURAGO			
+ PASCAL & MARIA ALMEIDA			
+ JOHN D'SOUIZA			

#### DAILY INTENTIONS

The parish office remains closed. If you would like to book a Mass Intention please email the parish office at <u>denise.ford@archtoronto.org</u>. 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 <u>required under the Durham Region By-law</u> 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 <u>www.archtoronto.org</u>. 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 <u>development@archtoronto.org</u> 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.

# **Sl 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 <u>www.sharelife.org</u>), 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 \$34,933 (42%) of our Parish goal, which is \$84,800.

#### **REFLECTION**

In the minds of many people, June is the month mostly associated with weddings. And to the minds of most people, even with many Catholics, marriage is not seen as associated with one's salvation. (Salvation by its simplest definition is about getting to heaven the way Jesus wants to get us there). We have bought into society's shifting idea of marriage, only for romance purposes, rather than the Church's teaching of vocation and sacrament (a visible presence of Christ to the world).

There is the objective (sacramental) side and subjective (personal, psychological) side to marriage. These two sides are not mutually exclusive, but they are meant to enrich each other. A couple should first discern whether or not God has called each of the individuals into the other's life as husband and wife. We do not get to choose our parents or siblings but we do have a choice in marrying our husband or wife-tobe, should it be God's will. Private prayer as well as public prayer (at Mass) is also a good place to discern God's will. While romance and attraction is a good place to start in seeking out another, romance and attraction are not the place to stand on permanently, as can be attested to by many couples who have been married many years.

On the objective level, many Catholics are seeking to marry outside of the Church, on the beach, in a backyard, at a golf course place or to have a civil ceremony. After all, many others who are not Catholic also celebrate marriage and it doesn't have to be within the "confines" of their religion. For the sake of their salvation, many Catholics are unaware that they are required by Christ to be married within His Church to be a reflection of His love for His mystical body. Christ our Creator has imbued our human nature (the thing we're made of) with a nuptial design to guide us through this life and to the next life with Him. In getting married, each party is saying to the other: "God has put you into my life so that we will help each other get to heaven," and "God has put us in each other's lives so that we will help our children get to heaven." This is the crux and ultimate meaning of marriage, not just romance and attraction.

If you're married outside of the Catholic Church you should withhold from receiving the Eucharist and then seek to have your marriage "sacramentalized" even if your spouse may be uncooperative.

On the subjective side, many are (objectively) married within the Catholic Church but do not live out their commitment to be a life long loving mate to their spouse. While no marriage is perfect, there are in some marriages (and hence, family) various forms of neglect, disdain, and abuse.



#### 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

#### Reflection Cont'd...

If a couple finds itself in this form of "disrepair" they should seek out the Church's help and professional help. There is so much misinformation about marriage in the Catholic Church as well as divorce and annulments. Please phone or email a priest to jettison away any misinformation you may have. It is worth your salvation.

# Living the ///

# Your community is in crisis. You can help.

Since Covid hit, more people have been turning to ShareLife agencies for help.

From seniors in isolation, to people suffering from mental illness, to homeless youth: the pandemic has disproportionately harmed the most vulnerable among us.

Your help is needed to meet the growing need for compassionate care. You can bring hope and healing to your community.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS April 18 / June 20 / October 3



# The stakes have never been higher

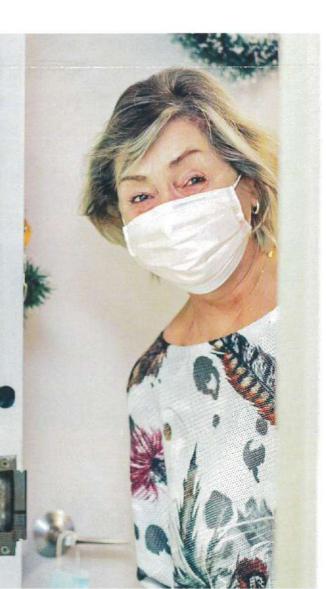
"Vulnerable members of our community are **relying on you and me** to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our ShareLife Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, **but only if we each do our part**."

- Cardinal Thomas Collins

By giving to Sharelife, you bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Your contribution supports over 40 agencies in your community and around the world, serving people of all faiths.

# Here's how you can help

- Give at your parish. ShareLife Sunday collections will take place April 18, June 20 and October 3.
- Donate securely online at **sharelife.org** or using online banking.
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- Spread your gift over 12 months using pre-authorized giving or monthly giving by credit card.
- Make a gift of **securities**. To learn more, contact ShareLife at 1-800-263-2595 or slife@archtoronto.org.



# **Keeping Mary safe**

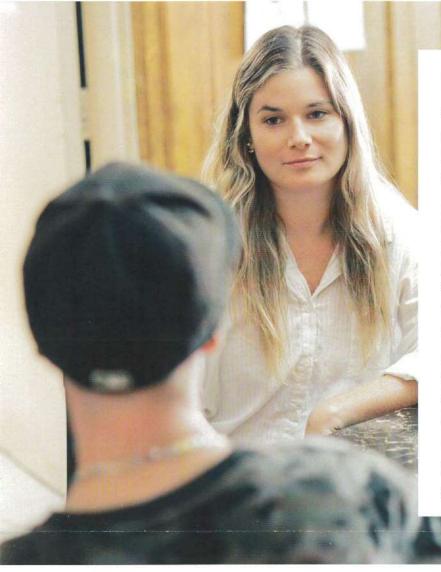
The pandemic has been particularly arduous for seniors in long-term care, as their worried loved ones look on from a distance.

Mary, a mother of two and doting grandmother of five, lives at Providence Healthcare's Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence. Its rigorous safety measures are challenging for someone like Mary, who loves socializing in the four languages she speaks. And while she's learned how to make video calls with her iPad, she longs to once again receive visitors in person.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," Mary says, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful."

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Providence is doing everything possible to keep Mary safe.

Pictured: A client of LA Centre for Active Living



# Your support saves lives

"After I lost a couple of my friends to overdose, I realized it was time to get my life on track," Dadzie recalls. "I didn't want to end up like that.'"

A case worker encouraged him to enroll in Good Shepherd Ministries' DARE program for homeless men with addictions. In this program, clients live together in a secure dormitory, offering each other support while they receive counselling.

"I've seen improvement every day since my treatment," says Dadzie, who now volunteers twice a week in Good Shepherd's clothing room and kitchen. "If not for Good Shepherd, I would never have made it."

Your gift to ShareLife makes the DARE program possible.

Photo taken prior to pandemic

You enable **21,000 people** to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies

> You facilitate the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto





You ensure nearly 7,000 seniors receive dignified care

You invest in our Church's future by supporting **54 seminarians** at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

# Will you help your community by making a gift today?

# A more caring community

"ShareLife is the front line, person-toperson charity of caring that, in my mind, demonstrates the true meaning of the Gospels, put into action. When I researched the work they do, I was amazed and impressed by the extent and variety of people they help.

"ShareLife is personal, direct, unglamorous, effective and important help for those in need. They make our community a kinder and more caring place. It's true charity in action."

- Robert Pierce, a ShareLife supporter



# How your gift helps

We treat every gift as a sacred trust. By keeping administration and fundraising costs under 12%, we ensure the maximum amount goes to those in greatest need.



#### ShareLife Office

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# **Corporate and Foundation Donors**

Thank you to these donors and those who choose to remain anonymous. Funds raised from these partners support 31 ShareLife and Catholic Charities social service agencies that benefit the whole community.

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