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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.

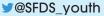
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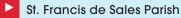
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This summer is filled with hope. The hope of gathering with loved ones. The hope of relief and renewal for frontline workers, for those who have suffered isolation, illness, emotional stress and financial burdens. The hope of encountering God in the splendor of His creations, in His infinite love, His Word and in the sacraments. We pray in hope that you have a glorious summer.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph M. Singh and Fr. David Twaddle

## 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)



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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 28 JUNE** 

9:00 AM S.I. MJ, VINCENT & FAMILY

+ SEBAMALAIAMMA MANNARANTONY

**TUESDAY, 29 JUNE** 

9:00 AM + ROBERTO SUAZON

+ BERCHMORE LI

+ ERNIE SORIANO

**WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE** 

9:00 AM + DIODJIE MUYCO SR.

**THURSDAY, 1 JULY** 

9:00 AM S.I. NANCY MCEACHNIE

+ CYNTHIA PINTO

FRIDAY, 2 JULY

9:00 AM + REV. BENOIT T. JOBIN

**SATURDAY, 3 JULY** 

9:00 AM S.I. JOSELITO &

+ JAMES MCKENNA

5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS

**RECEIVED** 

+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

+ EVANGELINA SAJUL

**SUNDAY, 4 JULY** 

8:30 AM AVAILABLE

9:45 AM + MANUEL & MARIA CHAVES AND

**FAMILY** 

11:00 AM AVAILABLE

12:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

#### **HAPPY CANADA DAY**

The parish office will be closed Thursday 1 July and Friday 2 July. Immediately following the 9 a.m. Masses on those days the church will be closed. We wish everyone a blessed and happy Canada Day as our nation celebrates 154 years of nationhood.

#### R.C.I.C.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

If you are interested in catechizing children from grades 3 to 6 for 1½ hours on Saturdays in the parish, please contact Dawn Selda at 905-683-1403 ext. 102 or <a href="mailto:dawnselda@archtoronto.org">dawnselda@archtoronto.org</a> These classes should begin in late November 2021 and conclude in April 2022. We will provide all the necessary material that you would need in teaching our children the sacraments. This teaching opportunity would greatly aid anyone seeking a pastoral letter or reference to teach in the Separate School Board.

#### 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 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 <a href="development@archtoronto.org">development@archtoronto.org</a> 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.

# **S1** 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 <a href="www.sharelife.org">www.sharelife.org</a>), 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 \$36,423 (43%) of our Parish goal, which is \$84,800.

#### **QUESTION & ANSWER**

(The following is taken from Cardinal Collins' statement on the **Discovery of Children's Remains at** former Kamloops Residential School).

#### Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Residential Schools

There has been considerable media coverage and discussion in recent days following the discovery of children's remains at the former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. The discovery has reopened a painful wound for many in our country and has identified the need for all Canadians to learn more about our history, the role of residential schools as part of that journey and to seek the truth regarding all those who suffered and continue to do so to this day.

The abuse of Indigenous peoples is a dark chapter in the history of Canada and the Catholic Church. While the Church has cared for and served Indigenous people in many ways, it is undeniable that some members of the Church undermined the dignity of First Nations people. There is evidence that much of this abuse occurred at residential schools, which were largely operated by Christian denominations.

This communication is intended to provide some context and address some frequently asked questions about this important issue. We must all join in the collective efforts on the path to healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

# 1. I am deeply troubled by the discovery of children's remains in Kamloops on the site of a former residential school. Who operated the school?

The discovery of 215 unmarked graves in late May 2021 will require further investigation to help seek the truth of who these children were, how they died and how they were buried so far from home. The school was built and initially operated by the federal government, opening in 1890. In 1892, the federal government asked a Catholic order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, to take over operations, which they did until 1969. The federal government resumed operations of the school from 1969 until its closure in 1979.

The religious order issued a formal apology in 1991 in addition to paying settlements to residential school survivors. An excerpt of the apology reads as follows:

"We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools...



#### 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 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

#### Question & Answer Cont'd...

Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing."

(Next week, we will continue on with the rest of the Cardinal's statement).



New Beginnings Presents:

## Online Bereavement Introductory Program

#### **Program Objective**

The Online Bereavement Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, audio/video media and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion.

#### **Program Goals**

- Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
- Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss
- Developing skills for emotional management and practical care
- Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality

#### **Program Access**

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened, prior to being considered for admittance into the program.

Start date & time: Wednesday July 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Total cost: no charge

**Contact:** For more information and to register please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 alimanni@cfstoronto.com

We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or the death of a loved one.













New Beginnings Presents:

## Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

#### **Program Objective**

The Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the separated/divorced in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, audio/video media and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion.

#### Program Goals

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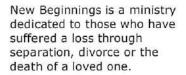
Start date & time: Thursday July 8, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Total cost: no charge

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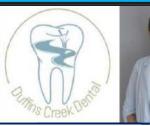
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