

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 - THURSDAY & SATURDAY 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

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Confirmation call Noah Aquino: 905-683-1403, ext. 100

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MONDAY, 23 AUGUST

9:00 AM + ALICE ALEMAO

+ MANUEL AQUINO

TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST

9:00 AM S.I. HEALING FOR JUNE & WISHKY

TENORIO

S.I. PETER & CLEMENTINE BROTTON

+ MICHAEL MURRAY

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 9:00 AM AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST

9:00 AM + VERNON FERNANDES

+ ISOBEL & ANTHONY FREITAS

FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST

7:00 PM + ALBERT MARTINS

+ CHARLOTTE RANASINGHE

+ ANNA MAIORANO

SATURDAY, 28 AUGUST

9:00 AM S.I. MARCK MERCADO

+ SOCCORO NADIA A. LISING

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

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+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

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SUNDAY, 29 AUGUST

8:30 AM S.I. VICTORIA CHAMPADI

9:45 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

11:00 AM + BLANCHE ALLES

+ RUTH CAMACHO

12:15 PM + JOHN D'SOUZA

+ JOE FINOCCHI



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.

Altar Servers



We would like to thank those altar servers who came forward with their desire to return to serving in September. Please check your emails this week for an update from us regarding specific times for our training day on Saturday August 28th.

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 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.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.

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 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 \$45,366 (53%) of our Parish goal, which is \$84,800.

REFLECTION

Sunday no longer has the same importance in the lives of Christians as it did to earlier generations of Christians.

While the original institution of the Sabbath (Saturday) goes all the way back to creation itself, the Church Fathers realized that Christ's resurrection inaugurated a new creation which reordered all aspects of the fallen world. When Christ died on Friday, He rested on that Holy Saturday, as God rested on the seventh day of creation. With Jesus' resurrection on Sunday, the Church Fathers recognized that Sunday as the eighth day. To them, the "first seven days" are a figure of time, but the eighth day, the first of the new creation is a symbol of eternity; it is the unending day that Christ has brought about by his victory over death. St. Basil, a Church Father wrote: "The day of the Lord...without evening, without succession, and without end is not unknown to Scripture; and it is the day that the Psalmist calls the eighth day, because it is outside this time of weeks. Thus whether you call it day, or whether you call it eternity, you express the same idea."

In a mystical sense, Sunday is the day "outside of time." Participation at Sunday Mass, then unites the believer to that never-ending day that lies in eternity; the day when Christ reigns over all, a time that will ultimately be consumed with the Lord's second coming.

The connection between Sunday worship and the Lord's final coming is deep and ancient. Christians have historically configured their parishes and cathedrals so that they will face east when they worship, because it is believed that Christ will return in the east, and they wished to be found ready on that glorious day. The day set aside to worship is no longer Saturday, the end of the original creation cycle, but Sunday, the eighth day, outside the old creation and the first and only day of the new creation. The original Sabbath is just a shadow of the true worship made available to us now through the resurrection of Christ.

Sammons, Eric. "Lord of the Sabbath." Who is Christ? Unlocking the Mystery in the Gospel of Matthew. Huntington, Indiana: Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. 2010, pp.87-93.



Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

After 20 years of employment as the office administrator, Denise Ford, will be retiring in the fall. We will miss her greatly; she has been a great asset to the parish. If you are interested in the position of Office Administrator, please email Father Joe directly at sfdspastor@gmrail.com or drop off your resume at the parish office.



Jesus has given us His body to eat and His blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**

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The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations with a long history of disaster relief. Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief

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