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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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Head, Heart and Hands:

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

Read unabridged letter at: https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/sacred-heart-of-jesus/sacred-heart-pastoral-letter.pdf



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

The symbol of the Sacred Heart, of the compassionate love of Jesus, reminds us that we need to have a humane personal warmth at the center of who we are, a sensitivity which shapes how we relate to ourselves, and to God, and to those around us....

But when the heart gets detached from objectivity and clarity, and we operate only according to our feelings, it can lead to great injustice.... Head, heart, and hands must work in harmony.

.... Sentimental Christianity, which consists of a warm pleasant emotion detached from a concern for the objective truth of the Gospel call to repentance and holiness, can cause people to replace the life-changing challenge of our faith with a cult of niceness. Such sentimentality is an illusion, and there is no future in that.

.... It is sentimentality, that deceptive substitute for compassion, that can lead judges to think that they can over-rule "Thou shalt not kill". And sentimentality can lead well intentioned Christians who are unfamiliar with the real Jesus whom we encounter in the actual Gospel to respond to the very real distress of others by seeking to deny the reality of the human condition, persuading those who are suffering distress to find relief by over-riding faith, reason, science, and common sense in order to embrace some trendy woke ideology out of touch with the reality of the human person. It is illusion that destroys, and a sentimentality guided by illusion is not love; it is not compassion. It ultimately causes great and irremediable suffering.

....The loving personal warmth of the Sacred Heart is revealed in John 8:1-11, when the heartless crowd brought to Jesus the woman caught in adultery. Jesus courageously challenged their consciences by telling anyone without sin to cast the first stone; imitation of Christ requires such courage from us as well. And when they all left without condemning her, he showed the loving mercy of the Sacred Heart, warmly affectionate: "Neither do I condemn you." Christians who privilege the warmth of kindness alone stop at this, feeling that this is what it means to do what Jesus would do. Be kind. They do not notice that Jesus then added: "Go, and from now on sin no more." Affectionate love is only real when it is set within the context of objective truth.

Similarly, when prayer is seen as being totally a personal emotional experience disconnected from the reality of God's plan for us all, and from the teachings that reveal that plan in Scripture and tradition, and from the community of the Church, then such sentimental prayer experiences can be unhealthy. We turn inward, and become piously self-indulgent....

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. CORAZON SIM

+ JUN SANTOS

+ HELEN & BAPTIST D'SOUZA

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM + ANA BELLEN

+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

+ MARIA ADDORISIO

WEDNESDAY. 8 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. PINA & RALPH CECE

+ CELINE ROCHE

+ DOREEN VITARANA

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. WILFREDA HENRY

FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

7:00 PM S.I. JULIA KOTES

SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM + MARGARET FERNANDES

5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

+ REYNOLD JAMES & MATHILDA JOSEPH

+ DALILA VIEGAS

SUNDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

8:30 AM + KARL & HELEN FARUGA

+ ANITA PALAD

9:45 AM + STEPHEN BECKI

+ ANTONIO FERNANDO SOUSA

11:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS

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12:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Life Chain will be on **Sunday**, **October 3rd.** More details to follow.

Holy Spirit Novena for Life

Holy Spirit, at the dawn of creation, you brought order out of chaos, light out of darkness, life out of nothingness. Breathe on us once again, and change the culture of death into a culture of life. Inspire in your people a spirit of generous welcome For each and every life, no matter how unexpected or dependent that life may be. Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate. as you fill us with Yourself, make us advocates for the unborn and all the vulnerable. Until we are all united in the endless life and joy of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

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www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REQUEST

During these Covid times, we have continued to receive requests for food, clothing, and furniture from our neighbours in need. We are reaching out to you now as our funds are very low. Your kindness is greatly appreciated by us and by those we serve each day. Donations may be dropped in the Poor Box on the back wall of the church or in the church office. Thank you for your generosity



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.

St. Francis de Sales Parish 2021-2022

Sacrament Registration for First Reconciliation/Communion & Confirmation

Registration package pick up at the parish ONLY FOR: Virtual, Public/Private and Other Catholic students and children in higher grades.	First Reconciliation/ Communion Registration Meeting (1 parent only please)	Confirmation Registration Meeting (1 parent and Confirmandi candidate only please)
Thursday, September 9th from 6:30pm-7:30pm	Wednesday, September 22 nd at 7:00pm	Monday, September 20 th at 7:00pm
	Thursday September 23 rd at 7:00pm	Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00pm

*Registration Packages will be dropped off at our 6 parish schools for those attending in-person.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St Francis de Sales Parish has limited office hours and therefore we will not accept registration forms/paperwork after the registration date. Please ensure you have all the completed paper work required for the registration meeting:

- 1.) Completed registration form
- 2.) Copy of your child's Baptismal certificate
- 3.) Registration fee
 For Confirmation the following is also required:
- 4.) Sponsor's paper work which includes a copy of sponsor's Baptism and Confirmation certificates





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