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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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is Love without Measure"*

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St. Francis de Sales Parish

Dear Friends,

I became a parishioner at St. Francis de Sales Church 32 years ago. Later I began volunteering with a small group who gathered every Friday evening to decorate the gym at Saint Patrick's Catholic School to transform it into our worship space, before our new church here was built. This was truly a beautiful time for many young families who worked beside Father Roy; today many of us still get together. During our seven years in the gym, our decorations evolved from using fishing line with cut pieces of fabric stapled to dowling to then using aircraft wire and mathematical equations to create elaborate designs for our decorations and banners. At that time, we held many workshops for parishioners as we embarked together on a journey to build our new church. A large group of parishioners came together to form the capital campaign team and our theme was "From Living Stones, God's Chosen People." Today donor names are written on the foyer wall. They, with our volunteers, had a unique privilege to help build their new church and act in love to ensure God's people would have a new, larger space to gather.

Over the years, we've enjoyed many community events including:

Church picnics	Sleigh rides	Themed dinners and dances
Strawberry Socials	Movie nights	International potlucks
BBQs, Bake Sales and Bingos	Lenten and Advent Retreats	Ministry fairs
Christmas caroling	Vespers	Seniors' Luncheon

These events helped grow the community of 400 families in the gym to the 7,100 families registered today. The prayers and intentions of these earlier church volunteers and donors are buried on our current church grounds - a beautiful connection that binds the legacy of these people to us today.

I have enjoyed many positions within the Parish Office and Parish Ministries as well as working with all of our volunteers. Our parish today is truly blessed to have approximately 25 ministries and more than 500 volunteers. It has been an honour to serve as part of the St. Francis de Sales parish staff for the past twenty years. Over my tenure, I have worked with ten priests, two deacons, and a wonderful dedicated staff. I feel that I was blessed with two families: my own family and my church family.

It has been an honour to serve you, the parish and our God. I will enjoy visiting and hearing how you continue to grow and build our church— together as one body with hearts of love and deeds of charity and good works

Take care. Stay safe - Blessings, Denise

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same, everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unending, strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM + ZACHARY PINTO
+ JEAN CHRISTINE MURPHY

TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED
+ NATALIA PAVAO
+ JOY MCDERMOTT

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED
+ FR. GERALD FITZGERALD
+ CECILIA & JESUS PABELICO

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM + CONRADO & FELISA CUSI
+ MARIA HELENA CABRAL
+ VICTOR SR & ROSE STOPPA

FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

7:00 PM + BETTY GREEN

SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ JOE, AGATHA & CHARLETTE NUNES
+ VERNON FERNANDES

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
9:45 AM + RIO, PETTY & MILLIE BARRETTO
+ SRIMATHIE DIAS

11:00 AM + DANIEL MENARD

12:15 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR MUCEOLES
TURLA
+ WHITFIELD GREEN

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year at the corner of Westney Rd & Hwy 2 (Kingston Rd.) on Sunday October 3 from 2-3p.m. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like "Abortion kills children", "Abortion hurts women", "Life, the first inalienable right", and "Adoption, the loving option". You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, you may visit:

www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain

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 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.

CWL CRAFT CLASS



- Save the date! The CWL Craft class will be on September 23 from 10am to 1pm in the North Room.
- The CWL giftshop will re-open September 25/26. More details to follow.

Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

I'm currently married to an Anglican man who was once married before in his church. He divorced his wife and now we were married civilly. Why does the Catholic Church insist that he receives an annulment from the Catholic Church before he can marry me? He's not Catholic.

When the Catholic Church looks at the many Protestant communities, she knows that they validly celebrate only two sacraments: Baptism and Marriage. They have only two valid sacraments because they do not have valid Holy Orders for the other 4 sacraments. In Marriage, it is the bride and groom who (as baptized lay persons) are the ministers of the sacrament. It is not the presiding deacon or priest or bishop who confers this sacrament on the couple. This holds true not only for Catholic couples but as well, Protestant ones. In the eyes of God and the Catholic Church, this Anglican man you referred to, is still married to his (previous) wife. The sacrament of Marriage can only end with death and not with a civil declaration of divorce. As a baptized person, he got married according to the terms of God, the Creator of the sacrament of Matrimony.

An annulment is not a declaration of the end of his (previous) marriage. An annulment does not deny that there was a marriage. An annulment is a declaration that the marriage **never began as a sacrament** as understood by the Catholic Church. Like any sacrament, it is "public property"; marriage, even though it is personal, ultimately belongs to the Church and to God. Moreover, as a Catholic yourself, you should be married in the presence of a Catholic deacon or priest for the sake of God's active grace in your life.

So what difference does it make if we're married outside of the Catholic Church?

I know that there are many people in our congregation who fall within the ambit of the above example and are afraid to approach the priest for help for various reasons. The "difference" is that as a Catholic, you would not be able to receive validly Holy Communion or any of the other sacraments. I encourage any parishioner to approach either Fr. Joe or Fr. David for help. Ultimately, our concern is for the salvation of the person, to live out their married life the way God intended. We priests are not here to impose our "rules and regulations" nor are we going to condemn anyone. We are servants of Christ who seek to be faithful to His teachings as handed on by His Church.

Pope John Paul II in his teachings on the Theology of the Body stated that in married (sexual) life, the couple becomes an icon of the Trinitarian God. And to be faithful to this Image, a married couple needs the Grace of God.



It's that time!

We are so excited to begin the 2021-2022 sacramental year! We have dropped off the First Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation registration packages to all of our grade 2, 3, 7 and 8 teachers in on 6 Parish schools. If your child attends virtual school, public/private or other catholic school outside of our Parish or if your child is in a higher grade, please contact us at the Parish to arrange a time to pick up the registration package. Please also remember to attend the mandatory registration meetings on the following dates to hand in the completed registration packages:

Confirmation

Monday September 20th or Tuesday September 21st at 7:00pm

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Wednesday September 22nd or Thursday September 23rd at 7:00pm

Please see our Parish website for further information. We look forward to meeting all of our sacramental families soon!

Her light shines bright in virtue and service

A very special "Thank-you" to our dear friend and colleague Denise Ford, as she retires from St Francis de Sales Parish after 20 years. Over the years she has generously shared her time, talents and unbelievable knowledge about everything with each of us and has truly made what our sacramental programs are today! She will be missed dearly and we pray that she is blessed with great



health happiness and lots of love as she begins this new journey. The fruits of her labor are indelibly present in our parish now and forever.

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