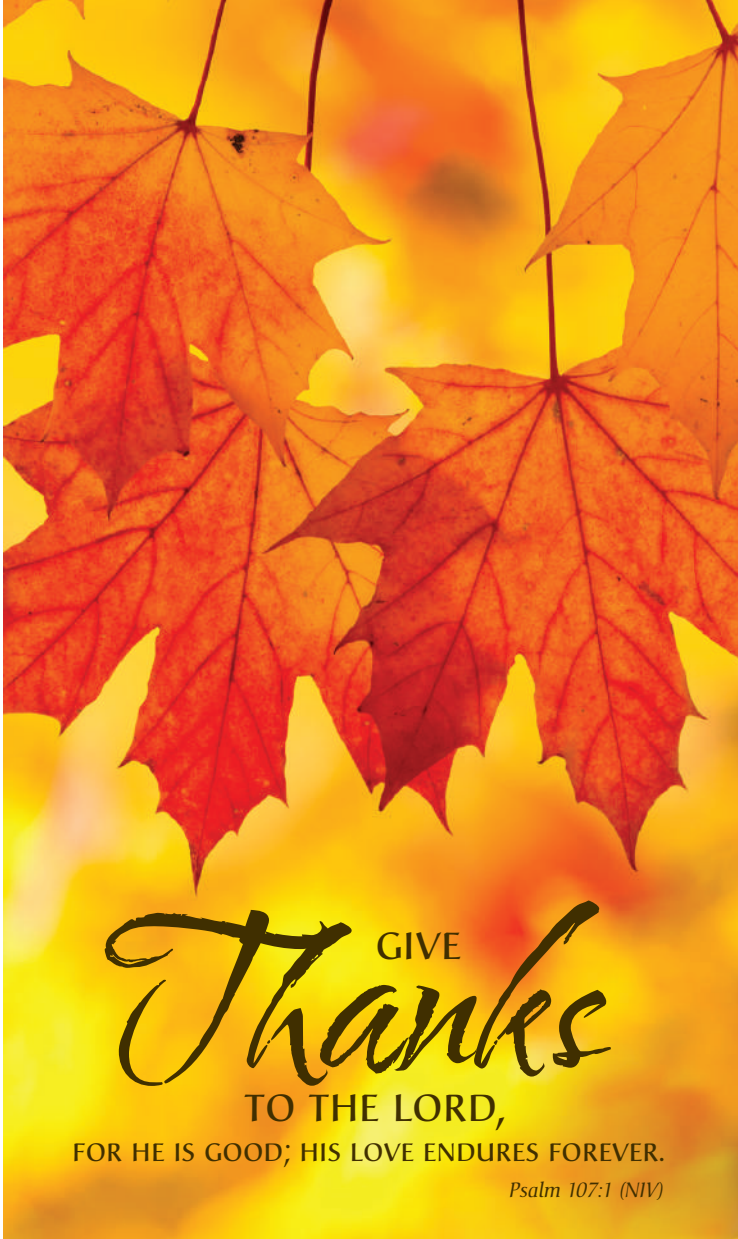




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Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

A Thanksgiving Table Prayer

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— CELEBRATING FAITH: YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES,
 BY MARY CRONK FARRELL

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 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 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

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 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

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the Lord;
let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of
our salvation!

Let us come into his
presence with
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let us make a joyful
noise to him with
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Psalm 95: 1-2

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MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER

9:00 AM S.I. JAF-JAF FORTUS
S.I. EVELYN CUNNINGHAM
S.I. HEALING OF JOSEPHINE ABENINA

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER

9:00 AM + JOSEPHINE YOUNG
+ TOMS ANTONY
+ ARTURO ESCAREZ

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER

9:00 AM S.I. JOSHUA FAVILA
+ ELEONORA CHOW
+ JACOUB FAVILA

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER

9:00 AM S.I. JEJI THAYILCHIRA
+ TONY RUBER
+ TERSITA ORILLANES

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER

7:00 PM + ROSANNA ABRAHAM
+ CONCEPCION ALDAY
+ ERASMUS VIEGAS

SATURDAY, 16 OCTOBER

9:00 AM + IDALIN LEITAO
+ HELEN & BAPTIST D'SOUZA
+ ADELAIDA ROLLUQUI
5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ ANNETTE MARTINEAU
+ ROGER FISCHER

SUNDAY, 17 OCTOBER

8:30 AM + MARGARET VITELLI
+ UNA & EDWARD MARECHEAU
+ PHILOMINA HENREY
9:45 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR EMMANUEL
ISSAC
+ MANUEL AQUINO

11:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:15 PM + THERESA & CLAUDE GOMES
+ BERNARD GROGAN
+ ALBERT GNANAPIRAGASAM &
PHILOMINA ALBERT

Please note, the parish office will be closed on Monday 11 October due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Church will also be closed after the morning Mass.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 24, 2021. It is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

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.



To date, we have collected \$51,447 for the Share Life appeal. This is 61% of our parish goal, which is \$84,800. We thank parishioners who were able to give last weekend. You may still give to the Share Life Appeal before the end of October by placing your donation in the boxes located behind the Baptismal fount or you may drop off or mail in your donations to the parish office.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

If marriage is not institutional, what is a sacramental view of marriage?

Another closely related view of marriage by the Church is that it is a *Communio*. The spouse looks upon the other spouse as another “me.” When Adam awoke from his sleep, he saw another self, though different from him: *“This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called ‘woman’ for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken”* (Genesis 2:23). Likewise Christ looks upon His Church, which was also created from His side upon the Cross (John 19:34) as part of His identity (Acts 9:4). This suggests exclusivity on the part of couples. Husband and wife image the relationship between Christ and His Church.

The institutional way is the least but not unimportant. Like all organizations, the word institution suggests limitation. To too many people, the only limitation in marriage seems to be adultery. Unfortunately society thinks of institution as the foundation. However for us Catholics, the institution is like a roof: it is to protect and shield it from the many external dangers. The true foundation of marriage is God Himself. On that foundation 2 persons commit themselves.

I always thought that adultery was the only “limitation” in marriage. Are there any other limitations?

What you call limitations, we the Church call vows. To contravene a vow is a sin; and sin does not invalidate one’s marriage. These vows are not negative (to be seen as a limitation) but positive. The vow of fidelity is not negative. Another vow that couples proclaim without realizing it and one which is broken easily today is: *“Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church?”* The use of contraception breaks this vow. The Church has no argument with couples who decide upon how many children they can have. The Church however, is vigilant that couples do not break what is constitutive of a loving and fruitful relationship. For those of you who want to learn about Natural Fertility Awareness (or Natural Family Planning) please google this name. Natural Family Planning is **NOT** the Rhythm Method.

Happy Thanksgiving

Fr Joe, Fr David, Deacon Alban and the rest of the pastoral team at the parish would like to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving. In spite of the pandemic year, there are still many things for which we have to be thankful to God

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$35,494
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$5,098
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$2,273
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,270,724

Thank you for your continued support!



We thank everyone for their interest in receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation this year. We look forward to celebrating the Sacraments in 2022.

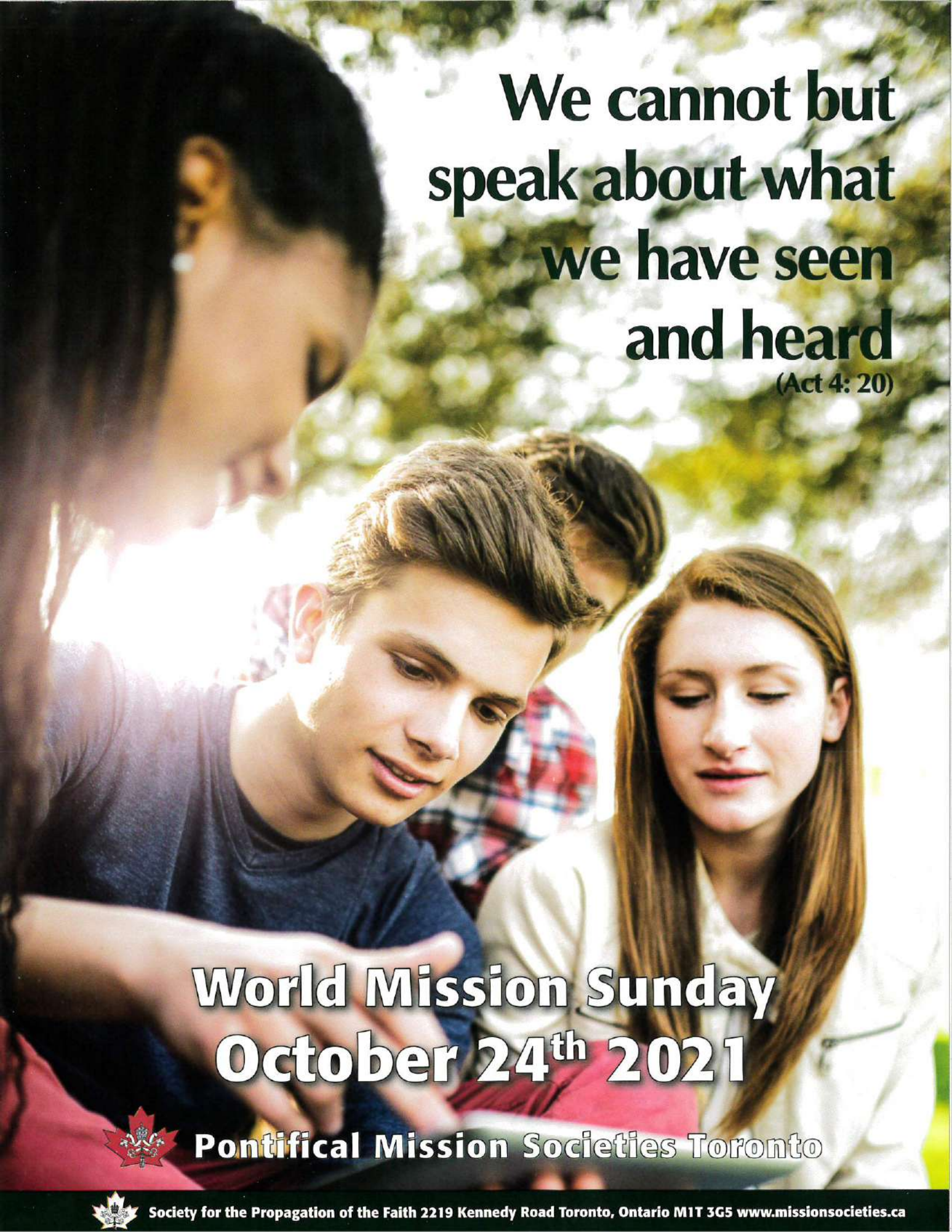
Thank you to all those that attended the mandatory sacramental meetings and dropped off their registration packages. Please continue to **monitor the parish bulletin, website and emails** for any updates regarding the sacrament. For any further questions, please contact Dawn Selda for First Reconciliation/Communion and Noah Aquino for Confirmation.

Father David, Mrs. Selda and Mr. Aquino were so happy to see so many of our sacramental families this past weekend. We kindly remind you that the most important part of the sacramental preparations is attending Sunday Mass. Please ensure to arrive early due to our capacity restrictions. Currently the 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Masses have more seating capacity available.

VOLUNTEERS & VACCINES

Cardinal Collins, like the other Bishops of Canada, has committed to make all parishes a safe environment during this pandemic time. All volunteers in the parish are asked to provide proof of their second vaccination to the parish office, stfrancisdesales@archtoronto.org or to Fr Joe, sfdspastor@gmail.com, before Friday 15 October. These dates of the second vaccination will be recorded in your individual files.

These vaccination records are also required for clergy and the parish staff. At the moment, minor altar servers are exempt from vaccination records. To access your own vaccination record, you may log on to <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>.

A group of young people, including a woman in the foreground and several others behind her, are gathered outdoors, looking intently at a book or document. The background shows green foliage, suggesting a park or campus setting. The lighting is bright and natural.

**We cannot but
speak about what
we have seen
and heard**
(Act 4: 20)

**World Mission Sunday
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