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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

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

9:30 am - 1:00 pm SUNDAY

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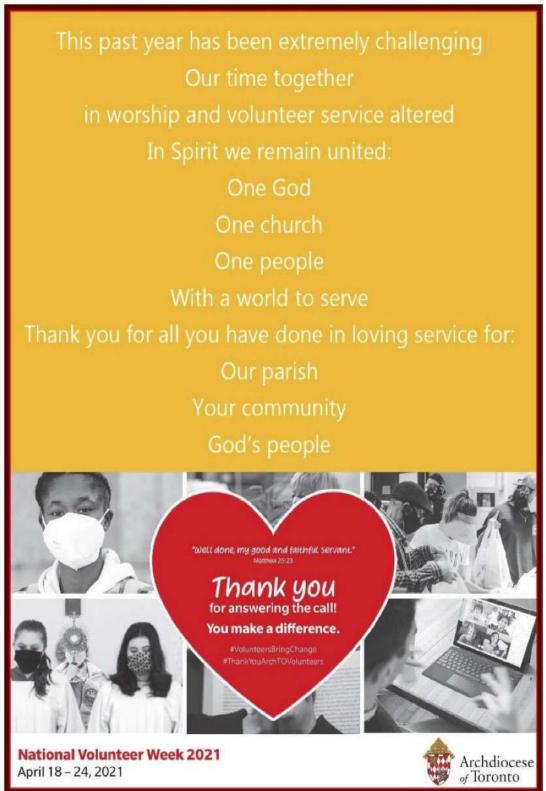
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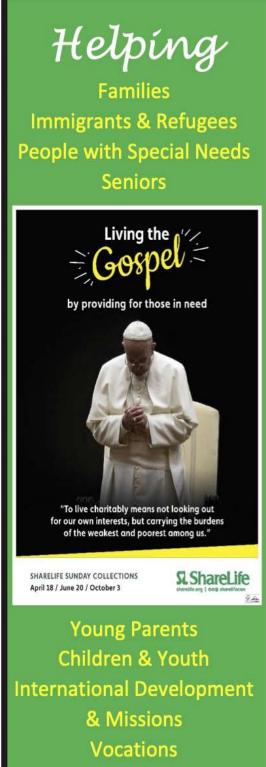


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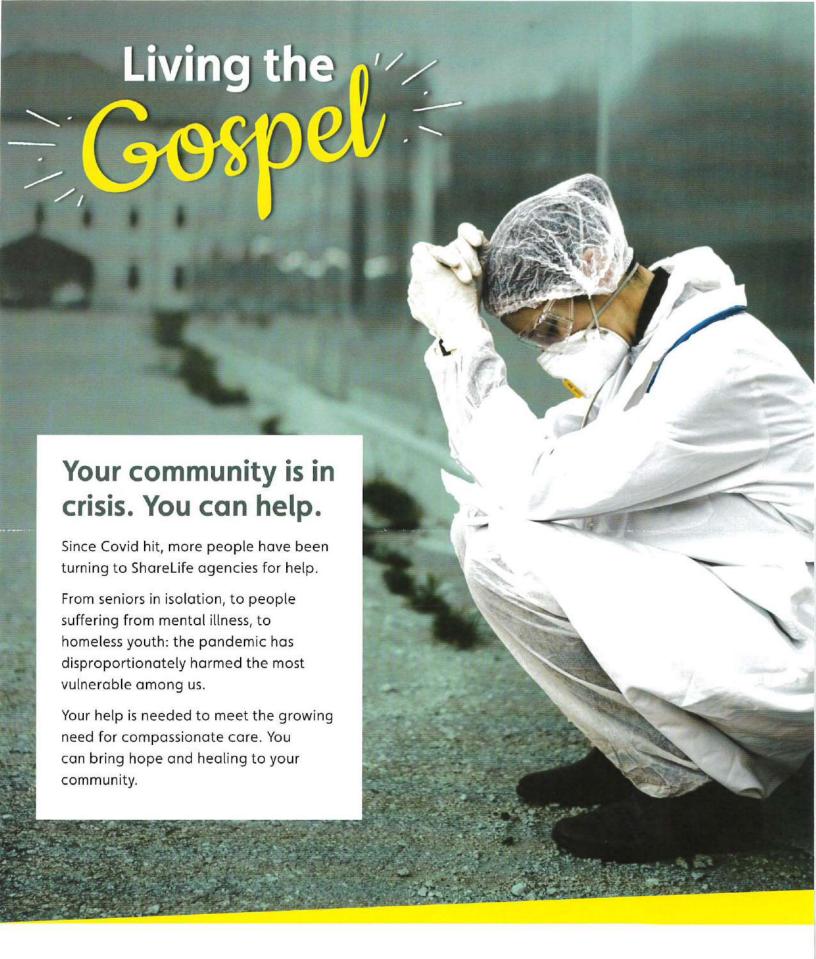
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"Vulnerable members of our community are **relying on you and me** to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our ShareLife Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, **but only if we each do our part**."

- Cardinal Thomas Collins

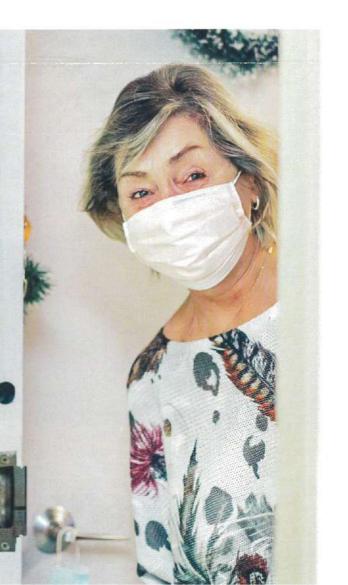
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- Give at your parish. ShareLife Sunday collections will take place
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Keeping Mary safe

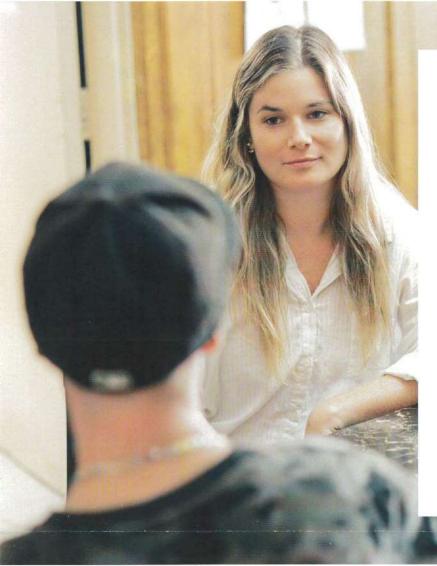
The pandemic has been particularly arduous for seniors in long-term care, as their worried loved ones look on from a distance.

Mary, a mother of two and doting grandmother of five, lives at Providence Healthcare's Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence. Its rigorous safety measures are challenging for someone like Mary, who loves socializing in the four languages she speaks. And while she's learned how to make video calls with her iPad, she longs to once again receive visitors in person.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," Mary says, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful."

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Providence is doing everything possible to keep Mary safe.

Pictured: A client of LA Centre for Active Living



Your support saves lives

"After I lost a couple of my friends to overdose, I realized it was time to get my life on track," Dadzie recalls. "I didn't want to end up like that.'"

A case worker encouraged him to enroll in Good Shepherd Ministries' DARE program for homeless men with addictions. In this program, clients live together in a secure dormitory, offering each other support while they receive counselling.

"I've seen improvement every day since my treatment," says Dadzie, who now volunteers twice a week in Good Shepherd's clothing room and kitchen. "If not for Good Shepherd, I would never have made it."

Your gift to ShareLife makes the DARE program possible.

Photo taken prior to pandemic

You enable **21,000**people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies

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A more caring community

"ShareLife is the front line, person-toperson charity of caring that, in my mind, demonstrates the true meaning of the Gospels, put into action. When I researched the work they do, I was amazed and impressed by the extent and variety of people they help.

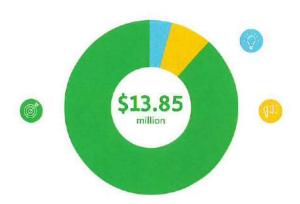
"ShareLife is personal, direct, unglamorous, effective and important help for those in need. They make our community a kinder and more caring place. It's true charity in action."

- Robert Pierce, a ShareLife supporter



How your gift helps

We treat every gift as a sacred trust. By keeping administration and fundraising costs under 12%, we ensure the maximum amount goes to those in greatest need.



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THURSDAY, 22 APRIL

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FRIDAY, 23 APRIL

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SATURDAY, 24 APRIL

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SUNDAY, 25 APRIL

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- **BRUNO STOPPA**
- + GIUSEPPE SULTANA

DAILY INTENTIONS

The Cardinal has granted dispensation to the lay faithful for missing Mass on Sunday. In lieu of receiving an Eucharistic Communion, the lay faithful can pray for a Spiritual Communion.

Please note that each day, when a private Mass is offered by Fr. Joe and Fr. David, the above intentions are mentioned at the celebration of the Eucharist.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention please email the parish office at <u>denise.ford@archtoronto.org</u>. Please include the full name for the Mass intention, and include your name and phone number.



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St. Francis de Sales parish will be open for **private prayer** from Monday to Thursday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. We are only allowed to have 10 individuals at a time including clergy and staff/ volunteers in the Church. Please be mindful of the time you give to private prayer in the parish as there are other people who would like the opportunity to do the same.

We will be having Communion Services. Only 8 people are allowed to attend each 10 minute Communion Service. Please note this is not the celebration of Mass. To attend this Communion Service, you will have to register on Eventbrite. To access Eventbrite, please visit our website at www.stfrancisdesales.ca. This Communion Service is limited only to Saturday evening and Sunday at specific times. This does not extend to the other days of the week. For the times of the Communion Service, please see Eventbrite. If you are late for your Communion Service the entrance door to the parish will be locked and you will have to register for another date and time. Out of love for neighbour, we encourage you to register not more than once every two weeks to allow other parishioners to attend.

The Sacrament of Confession will be offered on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm in the North and/or South Rooms.

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.

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

QUESTION & ANSWER

In Mark 10:2-12, we read that Jesus talks about remarriage after divorce as adultery. Many people are wondering if these words were really reflective of what Jesus said. In other words, did the disciples or someone else "put words in the mouth of Jesus?"

The passage we are talking about is taken from Mark 10:11-12: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

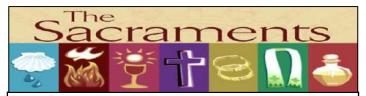
Firstly, in this passage Jesus says something very unusual. He says something that breaks with Jewish tradition, and implicitly rebukes Moses, who, of course, made provision for divorce. It is not what you would expect a Jew of the first century to say, and it goes against the grain of many of the things that Jesus says elsewhere, where it is made clear that He esteems Moses and the Law greatly. This means that the passage is not invented by Jesus' followers. It is a hard saying (as the passage itself makes clear) and thus one that no one would ever make up. It represents a shocking departure from tradition; ergo, it is only in the Gospel because it must have been from the lips of the Lord. No one would have dared to make this up; nor would it occur to anyone to imagine it.

Secondly, this passage has parallels in Matthew and Luke, and thus represents what we call "triple tradition". That we have three witnesses to the words of Jesus surely increases the likelihood that they are His words, not words put into His mouth.

Thirdly, the writings of Saint Paul, which predate the Gospels in no way contradict Jesus' words. If there is any doubt over what "unlawful marriage" means, look at the First Letter to the Corinthians (written, again, before the Gospels). St Paul talks of the various bad practices that the Christians have now put away, and in the same chapter quotes the tag about the "two becoming one flesh". This is a sign that Paul was familiar with Jesus' teaching which would be recorded in the gospels of Matthew 19:3-9, Mark 10:2-12 and Luke16:18. (See 1 Cor 6:9-10; 7:10-11; 7:39; 10:13; also see Rom 7:2-3). Fourthly, we remember that Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman (a non-Jew) at the well thusly: "'Go call your

woman (a non-Jew) at the well thusly: "'Go call your husband and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir I see that you are a prophet…" (John 4:16-19).

Fifthly, St. John the Baptist give witness to Jesus' words on divorce and remarriage when he was martyred by King Herod Antipas for marrying his sister-in-law while her husband was alive. (see Matthew 14:3-12).



For updated information on First Communion please email Dawn Selda at dawn.selda@archtoronto.org; For Confirmation please email Noah Aquino at noah.aquino@outlook.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Parish website for the First Communion dates and times and note that these dates are subject to change depending on if new provincial restrictions are required...we pray that things will improve in our world with more people receiving the vaccination in the coming weeks. We will be required to use a ticket system again this year to ensure we maintain the required physical distancing. The number of tickets that will be given to each family will be confirmed closer to the sacramental dates. Please have your child begin to work on the First Communion preparation books at home this week. Again, Father and I will send out the First Communion preparation videos to complement what the children are learning in their books, a little closer to the First Communion dates. God bless!

CONFIRMATION

Due to the limited capacity of the church set out by the provincial Government, Confirmation Masses may be postponed. Noah will be sending out an email with further instructions and an update with Confirmation. There are currently no tentative dates for rescheduled Confirmation Masses. Please continue to monitor the website and bulletin for updates. We thank you for your patience, flexibility, and prayers as we navigate through this third wave. Continue to pray daily, attend/watch Mass every Sunday and we will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. Take care and stay safe everyone.

SL ShareLife

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community. Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. ShareLife Sunday is April 18th. Please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$84,800. Please give generously.

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





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.

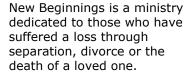
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Total cost: no charge

Contact: For more information and to register please contact:

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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

- Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
- Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss
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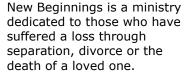
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