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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 7th, 2021



A TIME TO
 PRAY

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

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

SUNDAY 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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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.

Start date & time: Wednesday March 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Total cost: no charge

Contact: For more information and to register please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 alimanni@cfstoronto.com

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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
- 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.

Start date & time: Thursday March 18, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Total cost: no charge

Contact: For more information and to register please contact:

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 8 MARCH

9:00 AM + ANOJA STANISLAUS

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH

9:00 AM + ANOJA STANISLAUS
+ LOURDES & GNANAPIRAGASAN
STANISLAUS
+ NAOMI SUAZON

WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH

9:00 AM + AMOS DUMPIT
+ ELISEO & AMOR DUMPIT
+ MERCEDIS TABERNILLA

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. ELIZABETH JOSEPH

FRIDAY, 12 MARCH

9:00 AM + INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO

SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. EDUARD KOSTELAC
+ PERCY BRITTO
5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ JANE PEREIRA
+ BAPTIST TRAVAS

SUNDAY, 14 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. MARIJAN TERZIC
+ CELINE ROCHE
+ ALEX WAITHE
9:45 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
11:00 AM AVAILABLE
12:15 AM AVAILABLE

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.

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

2020 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note the Archdiocese of Toronto has mailed all 2020 Tax Receipts for St. Francis de Sales parishioners.



Please remember to pick up your box of 2021 offertory envelopes. If you require a box, please contact the parish office. **PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD ENVELOPES.**

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.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT



The parish will have Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am, followed by 9am Mass, and 9:30am to 10 a.m. confessions.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

St. Francis de Sales Parish will have its annual Lenten Confessions on **Tuesday 16 March from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesday 17 March from 7 to 8 p.m.** In addition, we will have confessions every Friday 9:30 to 10 a.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.

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

REFLECTION

As we are currently in the year dedicated to St. Joseph (8 Dec - 8 Dec 2021), here are the seven joys of St. Joseph, **based on various events in the Bible**, as recorded in the 19th-century devotional book *The Glories of the Catholic Church*.

1. “**First**, the embassy of the angel sent from heaven to console him in these words: ‘Joseph, Son of David, fear not to take Mary thy wife, for what is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’ (St. Matt. i. 20.)”
2. “**Second**, the tidings of great joy brought by an angel to the shepherds, that a Savior was born in the city of David, while a multitude of the heavenly army was praising God, and saying, ‘Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.’ (St. Luke ii. 10, 13, 14.)”
3. “**Third**, giving the child the name of Jesus, ‘which was called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.’ (St. Luke ii. 21.)”
4. “**Fourth**, when he saw the wise men from the east come to pay their homage to the new-born King, ‘and falling down they adored Him, and opening their treasures they offered Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.’ (St. Matt. ii. 1, 2, 11.)”
5. “**Fifth**, when he heard in the temple from the lips of holy Simeon, that the child was to be ‘the resurrection of many in Israel.’ (St. Luke ii. 34.)”
6. “**Sixth**, in the land of Egypt, when he saw the idols fallen and broken before the infant God, and heard from the angel that ‘they were dead that sought the life of the child, and that he might return with safety into the land of Israel.’ (St. Matt. ii. 20.)”
7. “**Seventh**, the finding of Christ in the temple, disputing in the midst of the doctors, after sorrowing for Him three days. (St. Luke ii. 46.)”



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation!

We want to thank all the parents so much for all you do each day to continue to help prepare the children for their sacraments at home, especially during these unique and challenging times. We pray that we will be able to celebrate the sacrament of First Communion in May/June. We will send out these dates as well as the First Communion rehearsal dates in the coming weeks. Please have your child begin to work on the First Communion preparation books at home. Father and I will send out the First Communion preparation videos to complement what the children are learning at home. We encourage you to pray daily as a family by using the prayer pamphlet that was given at registration. We are working on the Nicene Creed for First Communion. It would be great for the children to begin to become more familiar with this prayer by reading along. We look forward to seeing all of you at Mass each week as the children prepare for their very special sacrament of First Communion.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Schedule has been released. Parents, please check your emails and the Confirmation page on the parish website for more information. Classes have resumed and will continue all the way through March, until March 21/22. Please check your email for the updated schedule, if you have not already done so. We strongly encourage families, if they are healthy and able to do so, to resume attending Mass in person. Find your Confirmation Spotify playlist on the parish website.

VOLUNTEER



We are currently looking for a co-ordinator to lead our Ushers. If you are interested in this volunteer position as co-ordinator, please contact the parish office.

Currently our Baptism Team and Ushers are also looking for volunteers if you are interested in these ministries please contact the parish office at 905-683-1403 ext. 103.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

On **Friday, March 26 (5:00pm – 9:00pm)** until **Saturday, March 27 (10:00am – 5:00pm)**, the Office of Vocations will be hosting the first *virtual Come & See Weekend* for single Catholic men, ages of 17+ and older. ***On-line registration is required at***

<https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee>.

This event will include a special address from His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, seminarian stories, community prayer and breakout discussions.

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COME & SEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: 7PM-9PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 27: 10AM-5PM

**with appropriate breaks*

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- † seminarian stories
- † community prayer
- † breakout discussions

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