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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

**Please see Bulletin  
 Insert for current  
 Covid-19 Schedules**

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# St. Francis de Sales Feast Day

(January 24, 2021)

“Francis was born on August 21, 1567, and ordained to the priesthood in 1593. From 1594 to 1598 he labored at the difficult and dangerous task of preaching to the Protestants of Chablais and effected the return of some 70,000 souls to the Catholic faith. In 1602 he became bishop of Genf. His zeal for souls is attested in 21,000 extant letters and 4,000 sermons....

Most widely known is the saint's *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which, with the *Imitation of Christ*, is rightly considered the finest outline of Christian perfection. Francis' *Introduction* proves to the world that true piety makes persons amiable, lovable and happy....

How Francis developed a gentle and amiable disposition is a story in itself; he was not born a saint. By nature his temperament was choleric, fiery; little was needed to throw him into a state of violent anger. It took years before he mastered his impatience, his unruly temper.... by constant perseverance he did in time attain perfect self-mastery. *Wherein lies a lesson.*” – Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace, Plus Parsch*”

Quote Source: Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor; Optional memorial of Our Lady of Peace – January 24, 2020 – Liturgical Calendar | Catholic Culture  
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*Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.*

## *Be at Peace – written by St. Francis de Sales*

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Source: <https://www.daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-of-saint-francis-de-sales/#:~:text=Do%20not%20fear%20what%20may,all%20anxious%20thoughts%20and%20imagination>



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 25 JANUARY

+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY

+ LUCILDA PARANAHETTY

WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY

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THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY

S.I. MICHAL ZAJACZKOWSKI  
S.I. PIEDADE TIAGO DA COSTA

SATURDAY, 30 JANUARY

+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY

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+ EDITHA TOLENTINO  
+ LUCIA PIPPO  
+ ROSE & VICTOR STOPPA

### 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 [denise.ford@archtoronto.org](mailto:denise.ford@archtoronto.org). Please include the full name for the Mass intention, and include your name and phone number.**

### ONLINE MASSES

Mass is being celebrated and is available for live stream from St. Michael's Cathedral. It can be viewed online at [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stmikescathto](http://www.facebook.com/stmikescathto). If you cannot watch it live, you can view it later in the day at [www.youtube.com/archtoronto](http://www.youtube.com/archtoronto)



Please contact the parish office regarding your 2021 offertory envelopes. **PLEASE THROW OUT ALL ENVELOPES FROM 2020 AND ALL PREVIOUS YEARS!**

### COMMUNION SERVICES & PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE PARISH

St. Francis de Sales parish will be open for **private prayer from Monday to Thursday from 11am to 1pm**. 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](http://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 entrance to the Church has changed once again. You will now be required to enter through the front door.

**The Sacrament of Confession will be offered on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm in the North and/or South Rooms. These times for Communion Service and Private Prayer are subject to change based on restrictions in Ontario and by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please keep checking our parish website for continual updates.**

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.



## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### **Why are we praying for Christian Unity?**

Ever since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) the Catholic Church has made ecumenism intrinsic to the Church's mission. The Catholic Church recognizes that there are elements of the Church (such as the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony) which exist outside of the boundaries in the various Protestant communities. The Church sees the same seven sacraments in the Orthodox communities.

### **Are Catholics Christians?**

Often enough, we hear many Protestants refer to themselves as Christians and Catholics as something else. We Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox are all Christians. Unfortunately, this description is further confused by some Protestants who hold that they belong to the Catholic Church. For some of these Protestants, they erroneously believe that the Catholic Church is like a great tree which has a Roman branch, an Anglican branch, a Presbyterian branch, an Orthodox branch etc. In the Church's eyes, those who follow the Pope are only called Catholic Christians. We Catholics do not believe in a branch theory of the Church. Baptism, as we Catholics understand it as consisting of a person pouring water on an individual's head and pronouncing the formula: "I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" makes one a Christian. No one is ever baptized in a generic Christian community.

### **What exactly are we praying for in Christian unity? Do you think that unity among the Church and the various Protestant and Orthodox communities are possible?**

While organizational unity may be an impossibility among the various Protestant and Orthodox communities and the Catholic Church, we can turn to Our Lady to help us in this manner.

In the Catholic Church we see 2 types of service practised in the Church: the Marian and the Petrine. The latter, named after St. Peter, is the "newer" in the sense that it looks to the organizational, sacramental part of the Church. The former, the Marian, is older and follows the model set by Our Lady. In this model of the Church, we ponder and meditate like Mary the great mysteries of our Christian faith. We read, for example, in the Infancy Narratives of St. Luke that Mary pondered "these (mysteries) in her heart." A person who, as St. John Henry Newman wrote: "sees God in all things - every occurrence of the day, every event, every person met with- may be said almost literally to pray without ceasing." While we are not looking for structural organization in the ecumenical movement, we are pondering prayerful togetherness. Unity among the various factions in Christianity can only come about through the examination of the lives of the saints and by following their example.



## FIRST CONFESSION / HOLY COMMUNION

Please continue to work on the First Reconciliation preparation books at home with your children in order to prepare for the upcoming sacraments. Father David and I will also be sending out 3 videos in the coming weeks to help the children to understand more about the very special sacrament of Reconciliation. Please look for these emails and please let us know if you do not receive them, so we can ensure we have the correct email address.

The sacrament of First Reconciliation is still **tentatively booked for February 20<sup>th</sup>**. However, all sacrament dates and times will be put on our Parish website under First Communion once the Covid-19 lockdown is over. **Please continue to check our Parish website and bulletin weekly for further updates.**

## CONFIRMATION

Happy New Year everyone! Exciting news! Classes will begin this week of **January 24/25**. Please **visit the parish website for more information**.

Noah will be sending out an email in the coming weeks containing which class day has been assigned for your child. Please keep an eye out for that email.

Please continue to attend Sunday mass virtually and to continue praying daily both individually and as a family. Also monitor the parish website and bulletin for further information regarding the sacrament. God bless.



The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. **The applications must be submitted by August 31, 2021.** For further information, please contact the Education and Health Convener of your parish's C.W.L.: Elizabeth Joseph at 905-427-6244.

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