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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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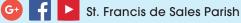
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A prayer from Pope Francis:

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

Source: Pope Francis: Communicate by encountering people where and as they are - Vatican News

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Dear friends of Development and Peace,

This year's Lenten campaign, "Share Love", is inspired by the message of love and social fraternity in Pope Francis's encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. Through this campaign, Canadian Catholics will discover how the work of Development and Peace is anchored in Catholic Social Teaching and how we can heed the Pope's call for solidarity and love for our neighbour.

We warmly invite you to the Toronto Diocese's upcoming **Share Love** launch:

Online Event Saturday, February 13th, 2021

from 10:00 AM to11:30 AM

REGISTER: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUudeChpjItEt0t5CVv hmXQU5RugZ kFMa

We would love to see you there!
Sincerely,
Estela Rios, Chair Toronto Diocesan Council

For more information 905 430-7753

"We find that our hearts expand as we step out of ourselves and embrace others."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

- + GRACE ELIZABETH VAZ
- + VINKO VISNIJIC & MATO JOZELJIC

TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

- + UNA & EDWARD MARECHEAU
- + JANJA & STJEPAN KOSTELAC

WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

+ RUZA PARIC

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

S.I. SEAWOMIR WOZNIAK

+ JOSE DE MELO BOTELHO

SATURDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE CARDOZ

FAMILY

+ JOSIP FILIPOVIC

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.

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 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmikescathto. If you cannot watch it live, you can view it later in the day at www.youtube.com/archtoronto



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.

"Be who you are and be that well" St. Francis de Sales



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 have Communion Services on Saturday and Sunday. 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 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.



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you from the Saint Vincent de Paul!

You answered our appeal to help our neighbours in need in our local community. The Angel Tree gift card donations enabled us to assist 89 families, which consisted of 182 adults and 114 children. Also a special thank you to Notre Dame high School, 10the Ajax Brownies group, Dr. Noble's office, the Knights of Columbus, some anonymous donors, and the church staff for their assistance. Because of the pandemic, we were limited to supply gift cards and we look forward to being able to give gift baskets in 2021.

VIRTUAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Virtual/ Online Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience March 5 – 7 2021

In these stressful times, give your marriage a *booster shot!* Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

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.



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. The first video will be released on 1 February.

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. Please add dawn.selda@archtoronto.org to your address book to ensure you receive the emails. The sacrament of First Reconciliation is still tentatively booked for February 20th. 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 updates.

CONFIRMATION

Registration is now closed and for those interested, we look forward to seeing you this September!

Confirmation classes have started earlier this week. Please check your inbox and junk emails to ensure that you have received the communication from Noah. If you have not received the Confirmation class book or missed the registration meeting, please contact Noah immediately. It is absolutely **ESSENTIAL** that families participate in virtual mass every week. If families are not participating in Sunday Mass, now is the time to reconsider whether you want to move forward with the Sacrament or not. Please take the time to reflect.



We have resumed our virtual Children's Liturgy every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. to help keep the Catholic faith alive among kids during the lockdown. The format is suitable for kids in Kindergarten to Grade 2 but older kids are welcome to join. To register, please contact Christine Santos at santoschristine@hotmail.com or (416) 877-5767.

While the Church is closed, the children's weekly bulletin is online. Please go to the parish website at www.stfrancisdesales.ca, click on the bulletin tab, and then scroll down to open and download the weekly bulletin from the Archive List.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US ON INSTAGRAM @sfdsajax



Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

VIRTUAL VOCATIONS FAIR & MASS

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



Reflections, Testimonies, Virtual Visits, Walking Pilgrimage, Mass and Holy Hour celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

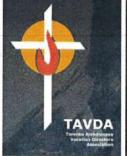
Registration: https://2021virtualvocationsfair.eventbrite.ca





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Office for Interreligious Dialogue

Re: World Interfaith Harmony Week

From: Rev. Anthony Prakash Lohale, OP, Director

Please join us in celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW).

The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the United Nations General Assembly on September 23, 2010 by King Abdullah II of Jordan. The WIHW is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative. The WIHW extends the two commandments by adding "Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour." All people of good will, regardless of faith, are encouraged to come together and learn about each other during the first week of February of every year. All events for WIHW must be held between Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, February 28, 2021.

Our office recommends that you join any of the following events:

1. Tuesday, February 2 - Paul's 200 Quotations

Please join Toronto's Paul McKenna and Ottawa's World Interfaith Harmony Week Committee. They will be discussing Paul's 200 quotations.

Please contact Paul McKenna for more information: interfaithgold@gmail.com Please find Paul McKenna's quotations on here: http://bit.ly/200quotations

2. Wednesday, February 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (via Zoom) – Race & Religion: Cultivating Anti-Racist Faith Communities

Participate in an engaging discussion on race, faith and fostering truly inclusive, anti-racist worship spaces and faith communities.

Register at: https://raceandreligion.eventbrite.ca

For further information, please contact: nmclccanada@gmail.com

3. Thursday, February 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (via Zoom) - Sharing Sacred Spaces

The Sharing Spaces planning committee is meeting to discuss opportunities to develop interfaith friendships through sharing space, architecture and hosting various faith communities. For more information, email Vivian Kwok: vivian.kwok@alumni.utoronto.ca

4. Sunday, February 7 - St. Philip's Lutheran Church Interfaith Service

Once again St. Philip's Lutheran Church will be hosting an interfaith service. For further details please contact Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek: tvangaasbeek@bell.net or stphilip@bellnet.ca

5. Wednesday, February 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Extending our Embrace

This online event seeks to widen our circles of compassion and care through inspiring story-telling and art from diverse faith traditions. Organized by Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Archdiocese of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto Catholic District School Board, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement and Mary Ward Centre.

Please click here to register: http://bit.ly/WIHWregister





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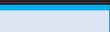
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