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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  
 Schedule.**

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 is Love without Measure"*  
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**Prayer in Time of COVID**


Gracious God, you who are the author of all life,  
and who desire the well-being of all people,  
during these dark days of COVID-19,  
increase in us *respect and reverence* for all human life.

Grant *restored health* to the sick,  
*comfort and hope* to the dying,  
*eternal peace* for those who have died,  
*strength* to family members, relatives, clergy,  
friends and volunteers,  
*renewed energy* to hospital workers,  
PSWs, nurses and doctors,  
and *perseverance* to all in the health care professions.


Grant *wisdom* to scientists for the development  
of effective and moral vaccines,  
*discernment and right judgment* for legislators,  
*aid* to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable,  
*courage and justice* for front-line workers  
and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others,  
and keep always in our minds the vision  
of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB  
Auxiliary Bishop, Central Region, Archdiocese of Toronto



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## Join us this week at the church for:

- ❖ Private Prayer: Monday to Thursday from 10:30am to 12:30pm
- ❖ Sacrament of Confession: Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45 pm
- ❖ Communion Service: Saturday and Sunday (Sign up on Eventbrite)
- ❖ On-line Weekend Reflection by Fr. Joe or Fr. David (see Home Page)

Space is limited to 10 people, including clergy, staff and parishioners. See Bulletin Insert for details.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, 3 MAY

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+ KAREN CARSON

### TUESDAY, 4 MAY

+ MAGNA JUMAO-AS  
+ ANTIPOLO TACARDO  
S.I. RYAN LEITCH & THE DINGLASAN  
FAMILY

### WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY

+ CONSO LACION LIM  
+ INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO

### THURSDAY, 6 MAY

+ NEAL CARACCILO

### FRIDAY, 7 MAY

AVAILABLE=0

### SATURDAY, 8 MAY

+ CELINE ROCHE  
+ NICHOLAS O WILLIAMS  
S.I. KAREN & EMMETT O'CONNOR  
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ  
+ JOAO TOME

### SUNDAY, 9 MAY

+ PAMELA MICHAEL  
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS  
RECEIVED  
S.I. INTIA & GUILROY HENRIQUES  
+ BARBARA CANNATA  
+ BETTY GREEN  
S.I. ALL LIVING AND DECEASED  
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## 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.**



Our ShareLife total to date is \$15, 450  
Our goal for 2021 is \$84, 800

## COMMUNION SERVICES & PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE PARISH

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](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 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](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.

**Visit our website: [www.stfrancisdesales.ca](http://www.stfrancisdesales.ca)**

## REFLECTION

Time is a creature fashioned by God so that we humans can give God His due honor and worship. Like each human being, all time is unique, never to be repeated. We call this time *chronos*. Our measurement of time, however is cyclical. In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, apart from the five liturgical seasons of the year: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter, and from various days on which Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials are celebrated, the Catholic Church dedicates the days of the week to particular themes.

Sunday – Resurrection of Jesus

Monday – Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday – Holy Angels

Wednesday – St. Joseph

Thursday – Eucharist

Friday – Passion of Jesus

Saturday – Our Lady

The months of the year also have various particular themes. It has been a long standing tradition of the Church to give prominence to several aspects of our Catholic faith.

January – The Holy Name of Jesus

February – The Holy Family

March – St. Joseph

April – The Holy Eucharist

May – Our Lady

June – The Sacred Heart of Jesus

July – The Precious Blood of Jesus

August – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

September – The 7 Sorrows of Our Lady

October – The Rosary

November – The Holy Souls in Purgatory

December – The Immaculate Conception

From time to time, the Pope will declare a specific year with a theme. For instance, we are observing this year dedicated to St. Joseph (the observation of which began on 8 December 2020 and will conclude on 8 December 2021). Every 25 years within a century, the Church usually observes a Jubilee Year, the last being 2000, when we celebrated the Birth of the Messiah. In 2033 we will be observing the second millennium of the death of Jesus.

When God intervenes in our lives through the sacraments, we call this time, *Kairos*. At Mass, for example, the Sacrifice of the Cross and the Resurrection are re-presented to us. It is not that the Passion and Resurrection happen again and again, but that God makes it possible for us in our own day and time, to benefit in a Grace-filled manner from that which is the centre and culmination of all history.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

I pray that all of our First Communion families are well. As you have heard in the news, effective Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, all in person religious services will be capped at 10 PEOPLE only. These restrictions will remain in effect for four weeks, which will unfortunately affect our dates for First Communion. For this reason, **all of the May 15<sup>th</sup> First Communions will be postponed to a later date and the May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> First Communions are tentative.** We will update our Parish website/bulletin once the lockdown is over and we are updated on when we can safely celebrate First Communions again. Please have your child continue 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 in their books, a little closer to the First Communion dates. We encourage you to pray daily as a family by using the prayer pamphlet that was given at registration and to watch Mass every Sunday. It is our faith that can truly help us get through some of these challenging days ahead. We look forward to when we can see all of you again and the children can celebrate their very special sacrament of First Communion. God bless!

## CONFIRMATION

**All Confirmation Masses are now postponed to a later date.** Fr. Joe and I are already in discussion and communication regarding Confirmation for this year. When we hear word that restrictions will ease and we can safely celebrate Confirmation, I will let you know right away with what the tentative dates will be. Continue to monitor the website and bulletin for any further updates. Please continue to pray daily and to watch Mass weekly until we can gather together again safely. God bless you all and stay safe.



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