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Parish Hours

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

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St. Francis de Sales Parish

Marriage Sunday

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

God of mercy and of the holy covenant,
you created every human being, male and female,
in your image and likeness,
so that they may be fruitful and multiply on earth.
In the beginning of our Christian era,
you asked Joseph, illustrious descendant of David,
to take the blessed Virgin Mary as his wife
and to form with her a family
for Jesus, your Son, our Redeemer.
Through the difficulties and trials
you guided St. Joseph,
you made him the protector of the Holy Family
and allowed the Church to recognize him
as an attentive protector for all Christian families.
During this stressful time in which we live,
we ask you to safeguard marriage according to your will,
and we appeal for the intercession and protection
of St. Joseph, your obedient servant,
so that Canadian families of today
will be strengthened in love
and continue to live securely
in the sacramental state of marriage.

Source: Assembly of Catholic Bishops Ontario
Found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage/Pages/Novena-Prayer-to-St-Joseph.aspx>



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Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7)

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Marriage Sunday

Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins for Marriage Sunday 2021

February 14, 2021

To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As we celebrate Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I wish to congratulate and thank married couples who strengthen our community through their daily witness of love, commitment and selflessness. Your ongoing "yes" provides hope and inspiration for the community, strengthened by God's grace and the love and prayers of family and friends.

We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, I encourage you to seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

To those assisting couples as they prepare for marriage and for those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or movements to support the sacrament of matrimony, be assured of my gratitude. Your ministry is essential in laying a foundation for healthy relationships and loving families, something so urgently needed in our world today.

A host of resources and additional information on Marriage Sunday can be found by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or feel free to connect with your own parish community.

Thank you for all that you continue to do to value and enrich the sacrament of marriage in our homes and parishes, extending our love for one another to all those we encounter each and every day. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

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"For our God is a consuming fire." HEBREWS 12:29



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY

- + SRIMATHIE DIAS
- + MANUEL IBARGUCHI
- + EMILIO LARA & CONCEPCION MANDUHANO

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

- + ANTO SIMUNDIC
- + REV. DAVID CONNOLLY

WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY

- + AGATA JOSIPOVIC
- + MARGITA DODIK

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY

- + MLADEN ROMIC EUGEN BORONJECKI
- + SANTA TACCONE

FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

- + BOZANA GAVRIC & DRAZEN BOAZIC
- + PHILIP MANTES

SATURDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

- + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

SUNDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

- + MARIJA POPOVIC & SAVA STJEPANOVIC
- + SANTA TACCONE
- + IDALINA LEITAO
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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. Please include the full name for the Mass intention, and include your name and phone number.

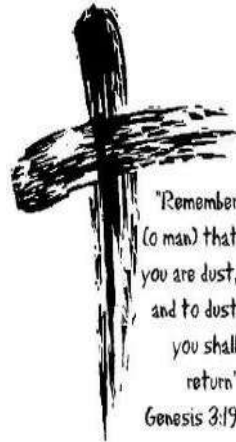
2020 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing out 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.**

ASH WEDNESDAY



On 17 February 2021 the Church will be celebrating Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is not a day of obligation for Catholics. At St. Francis de Sales parish, we will be having Communion Services every 15 minutes starting at 10 a.m. until 12:45 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.. The Church will not be open for private prayer. **Ashes will only be distributed during these hours; it will not be available to take home.** To attend one of these Communion Services, please register on Eventbrite www.stfrancisdesales.ca

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.

On Sundays, 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 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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2021

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXIX World Day of the Sick 2021. Please see the hyperlink below: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20201220_giornata-malato.html

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

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www.cfsdurham.com.

(Click on News & Events)

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VOCATIONS

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org

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.

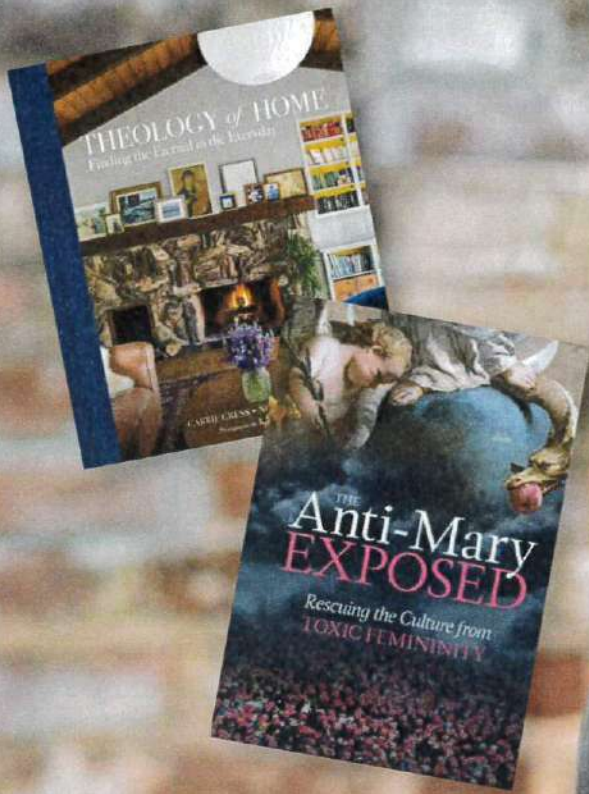
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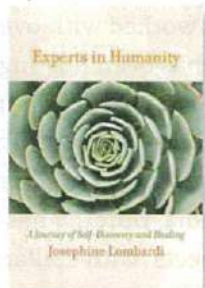
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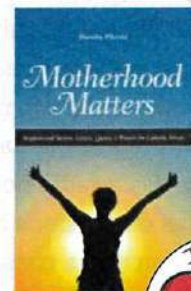
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DR. CARRIE GRESS | *Exposing the Anti-Mary and Rebuilding Civilization, One Woman at a Time*

Carrie Gress has a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of America. She is the editor at the online women's magazine *Theology of Home*. Carrie has written for numerous publications, including *Aleteia*, *Catholic Vote*, *Catholic World Report*, *National Review*, *The Catholic Thing*, *The Federalist*, *The National Catholic Register*, *The Stream*, and *The Washington Examiner*. She is a frequent guest on *Ave Maria Radio*, *Catholic Answers*, *EWTN Radio*, and *Relevant Radio*, and has appeared on *Fox*, *BBC*, *CBC*, *EWTN* and *Shalom World* television. Carrie has lived and worked professionally in Washington, D.C. and Rome, Italy and her work has been translated into nine languages. She is the author of *Nudging Conversions*, *Ultimate Makeover*, *The Marian Option*, and *Marian Consecration for Children*, *The Anti-Mary Exposed*, and *Theology of Home*. She co-authored *City of Saints; A Pilgrim's Guide to JohnPaul II's Krakow* with George Weigel. Her latest book, *Theology of Home II*, was released in October 2020. To learn more about Dr. Gress visit her website at www.carriegress.com

DR. JOSEPHINE LOMBARDI | *Mary, the Original Expert in Humanity*

Dr. Lombardi is an award-winning author who has worked as a parish minister, university campus minister, high school chaplaincy leader, teacher educator through O.E.C.T.A., professor of Religious Education, Brock University, retreat facilitator, faith formation consultant, and program coordinator in the Diocese of Hamilton. Presently, she is Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation for St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario. She has done media work in radio and television and has been an advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in the area of doctrine and Catholic-Muslim relations. Her books *On Earth as it is in Heaven* and *Experts in Humanity* have been featured on *Salt and Light TV*. *Experts in Humanity* was awarded first place in the category of Family Life by the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada in 2017. She is the Series Theologian for the new Religious Education resource for grades 1 through 8, "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ" for Catholic School Boards in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. To learn more about Dr. Lombardi, visit her website at www.josephinelombardi.com

DOROTHY PILARSKI | *Your Host for the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference*

Dorothy Pilarski is a Catholic wife, mother and author. She is the founder of *CatholicMomsGroup.com*, the annual *Dynamic Women of Faith Conference* and *Calling All Girls* events. Dorothy has worked with over 45 parishes in helping launch Catholic Moms Groups. In response to the pandemic her team has been hosting dozens of virtual Catholic Moms Group meetups. *Midday Moms* has attracted moms from across the globe. Dorothy's writing has been featured in the *Catholic Register*, she is the author of two Catholic books and several Catholic publications. Dorothy was a radio host for both *Radio Maria* and *Radio Teopoli*. Dorothy helped create a TV program and she facilitates discussions between women in a series produced by *Salt & Light Media*. Dorothy has more than 20 years of experience as a consultant with international experience, often leading projects with stellar results. Dorothy delivered customer service programs for Fortune500 executives at the *Schulich Executive Education Centre* for over 10 years and was rated as one of the schools top instructors. With a background in Marketing, Public Relations, Volunteer Management and Adult Education, Dorothy makes a great addition to any project whether it's in the corporate, non profit or Faith community. To learn more about Dorothy visit her website at www.dorothypilarski.com

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