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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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A Prayer for Mother's

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work, which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children. Amen

Excerpts from: <https://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothers-day-prayers.html>

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)

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TUESDAY, 11 MAY

S.I. JAIME GEROCHÉ

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY

+ RICARDO LIM
+ MLADEN ROMIC

THURSDAY, 13 MAY

S.I. FR. JOE SINGH
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+ MELISSA STOPPA

FRIDAY, 14 MAY

AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
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SUNDAY, 16 MAY

+ ANTONIO LIM
FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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.



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We will be having Communion Services. Only 8 people are allowed to attend each 5 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. **Please arrive early. 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.**

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. 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.

**Our ShareLife total to date is \$21,616
Our goal for 2021 is \$84, 800**



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REFLECTION

One of the four dogmas concerning Mary is that of her virginity. We celebrate her Immaculate Conception on 8 December; Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate on 15 August; Our Lady's motherhood we celebrate on 1 January. But there is not date in the Church's calendar on which we celebrate her perpetual virginity.

The Church attaches great importance to virginity because of Martyrdom. There are two forms of martyrdom that we admire: red martyrdom where one sheds one's blood for the faith; and white martyrdom, where one sacrifices one's sexual life for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Lady was not the only virgin we know of from the pages of Sacred Scripture; there was Our Lord, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Apostle and Evangelist and St. Paul to name a few. From the earliest days of Christianity, the Catholic Church has always believed that Mary remained a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus. Committing herself as a virgin, Mary became a mother by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sacred Scripture tells us that Jesus had "brothers and sisters." In the Hebrew language of Jesus' day and in Aramaic (the language spoken by Jesus), there were no equivalent of "cousin." The people of that day referred to their cousins as brothers or sisters. Furthermore, the Hebrew people in Jesus' time looked upon their fellow Jews as one big family under the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

VOCATIONS

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious, and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We would like to welcome Beryl Lowe as the new coordinator for our Hospitality Ministers. Beryl succeeds Steve Dunn who was the coordinator for the past several years. We would like to thank Steve for the years in which he has dedicated his time and effort to this apostolate.



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR APRIL 2021

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$32,425
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$3,485
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$1,788
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,321,164



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

I pray that all of our First Communion families are well. As you have heard in the news, effective Monday April 19th, 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 15th First Communions will be postponed to a later date and the May 29th and June 5th 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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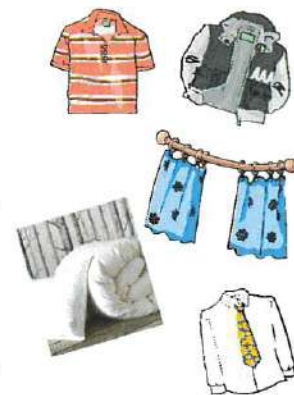
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