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Father of life and love,
You created us in your image — woman and man.
We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.
Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance and direction in our relationship.

In marriage you call and challenge us to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.

Be our strength and support, therefore, as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting, honest commitment united in love.

Give us your strength to carry each other in times of darkness, your joy in times of happiness, and your gift of awe in the uniqueness and sacredness of each other.

May our love be a reflection and a sign of your love in the world. — Amen.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life & Family (COLF)

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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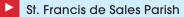
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Ash Wednesday

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Quotes - Bishop Robert Barron: Entering the Desert of Lent - YouTube: (https://youtu.be/C-GOuOnM5Xg)

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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















DO YOU OFTEN WONDER ...

- · What is God's task for you as parents?
- · How to bring your children back to faith?
 - How can your family remain strong in the face of challenges around us?
 - How can single parents cope?
 - · How can your children stay connected to God?

DON'T MISS THIS INSPIRATIONAL FAMILY DAY TALK!

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Fr. Carlos "Kaloi" Macatangga, SVD,

Pastor of Cristo Rei Parish in Mississauga, ON, will share his thoughts on the Filipino family and our faith.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

+ EDUARDA AMARAL

TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

+ JOSEFINA BORROMEO

+ MARIA DE SOUSA

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + JACKIE ESTELLA

+ CLIVO CASTELINO

12 NOON AVAILABLE

7PM + BARBARA CANNATA

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + REBECCA CAMPOS

+ FREDERICO TORRES

+ FREDERICO RUFIN

FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + ANNA & TERRENCE JOSEPH

SATURDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM NO MORNING MASS

5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

SUNDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM +S.I. VINITA PALAYATHIL

+ MARKO TERZIC

9:45 AM AVAILABLE

11:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:15 PM + BRADLEY DUBY

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

There will be no morning Mass on Saturday 20 and 27 February at 9am. The parish will be accommodating the grade 2 students making their First Confession.

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.

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.



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.

The Church is closed on Monday, February 15th for the Family Day long weekend.

FASTING & ABSINENCE DURING LENT



Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59
are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and
Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics
to dust you shall return Genesis 3:9
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Good Friday of the year.

Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs or milk products.

ASH WEDNESDAY

As of 16 February, the Durham Region is in the red zone. To that end, we will be having Masses on Ash Wednesday 17 February at **9am**, **12 Noon**, **and 7pm**. There will be no need to register on Eventbrite (**it will be on a first come first serve basis**).



The Church is only able to accommodate 180 people. Please do not arrive on time or late, but arrive early to ensure your entrance into the church. The doors of the church will be **LOCKED** once we have reached our capacity. At the end of each Mass ashes will not be given to parishioners to take home.

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Weekday Masses are 9:00 a.m. These days will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Our Sunday Mass Schedule is:

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am; 9:45am; 11:00am; 12:15pm. This will be on a first come first serve basis.

You are <u>required under the Durham Region By-law</u> and Cardinal Collins to wear a facemask inside the church building. **If you are ill, we ask that you stay home.**

Please arrive early, as there will be designated pews for you and/or families to be seated by an Usher. As you leave, there will be an offertory donation box by the Baptismal Font into which you may place your donations.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT



Starting Friday 19 February, the parish will have Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am, followed by 9am Mass, and 9:30am confessions.

Now that we are open during this pandemic time, Confessions will not be offered on Saturdays from 4-4:45pm.

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

2021 VIRTUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER



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.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS



Please note the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing out all 2020 Tax Receipts for St. Francis de Sales parishioners.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US ON INSTAGRAM @sfdsajax FOLLOW OUR YOUTH MINISTRY INSTAGRAM @sfdsyouth



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2021

| | GOAL | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| SUNDAY OFFERTORY | \$60,000 | \$22,786 |
| MORTGAGE FUND | \$10,000 | \$1,577 |
| BUILDING FUND | \$5,000 | \$1,282 |
| DEBT OUTSTANDING | | \$2,359,578 |



FIRST RECONCILIATION

We have decided to celebrate the children's First Reconciliation over two dates and times now to ensure proper physical distancing. Please refer to the parish website for dates and times. We kindly ask that one parent only accompanies their child to the Parish for the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please remember to bring your child's completed First Reconciliation book on their First Reconciliation date. We will also hand out the First Communion preparation books on this date, for your child to work on in preparation for sacrament of First Communion. Communions dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

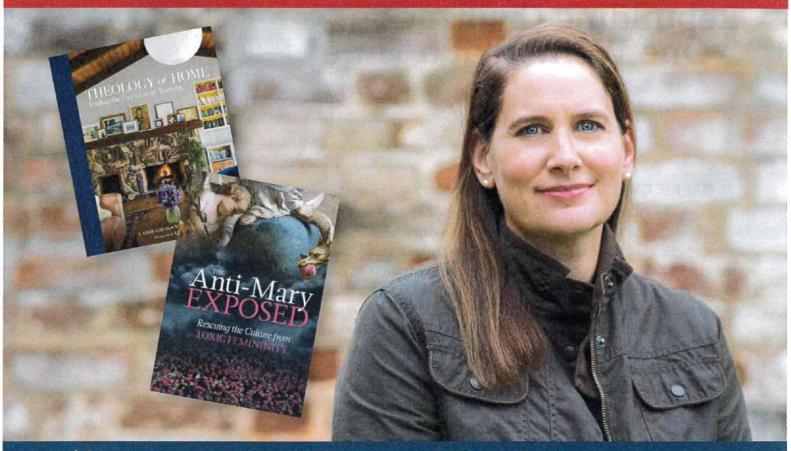
We will be emailing the First Reconciliation video #3 this week. Please make sure your child has watched all 3 videos before receiving their First Reconciliation, so that they are familiar with why and how we go to Confession. Please continue to check our Parish website and bulletin weekly for further updates. We pray that you and your family remain healthy and safe and that you continue to pray daily together with the prayer booklet given out at the registration. We are looking forward to seeing all the children soon for their very special First Reconciliation Day!

CONFIRMATION

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

There will be **no confirmation classes on Feb 14/15** due to the Family Day long weekend. <u>Classes will resume Feb 21/22.</u>It is absolutely **ESSENTIAL** that families participate in virtual mass. Visit the Confirmation page on the parish website to view your Confirmation Spotify playlist! Classes will continue throughout the month of March since the provincial government has decided that the March Break will now be in April. Please check the parish website for more information.

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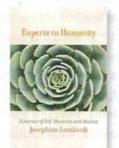
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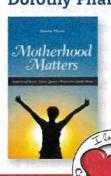
Dr. Josephine Lombardi



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Dorothy Pilarski



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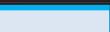
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