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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

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY & SATURDAY 9:00 a.m.
FRIDAY 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady,

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337)....

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

....In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the [solemnity] than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

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THE ASCENSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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9:00 AM + RAMON ESTELLA

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST

9:00 AM + FLORRIE & GRACIE FREITAS
+ ANGELA VAN BUUREN

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST

9:00 AM + ANNA & TERRENCE JOSEPH
+ MORNA SINGH
+ GABRIEL VAN HEZEWYK

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST

7:00 PM + KATHERINE MARIE WHELAND

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST

9:00 AM S.I. HEALING FOR NANT KYI
+ ALICE ALEMAO
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5:00 PM + JOE, AGATHA & CHARLOTTE NUNES
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SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
9:45 AM + GERONIMA RASCO-PUNO
+ NADIA LISING
+ EDITHA RODRIGUEZ
11:00 AM AVAILABLE
12:15 PM + ALAN WYAND
+ LEOMILLA GILLEGO & ALL SOULS IN
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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 **required under the Durham Region By-law** 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.

Confessions will be held on Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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.

ShareLife

Due to Covid19 restrictions, the collection dates for ShareLife have been adjusted. Please note that you can donate to this year's ShareLife appeal at any time. You may place your donation in the offertory box located behind the baptismal font or give by way of credit card (by visiting www.sharelife.org), before the end of October which is the closing of the ShareLife Appeal for 2021. Thank you for your generosity.

To date we have collected \$45,091 (53%) of our Parish goal, which is \$84,800.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you know of a non-Catholic in our neighbourhood who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Father Joe for an appointment. Our classes will begin in September.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for adults who are suffering from an abortion experience in the past. For further information, contact St. Mary of Egypt Refuge in confidence, at 289-691-6840, or by e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org. Our web page is www.stmaryrefuge.org/rachel.

REFLECTION

This Sunday 15 August, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary's Assumption body and soul into heaven. Although it is not recorded in Sacred Scripture, it has been part of the Tradition (the oral handing down of the faith before the New Testament was written) of the Church.

There are several assumptions of body and soul in the Old Testament. Enoch in Genesis 5:24 and Elijah in 2 Kings 2:11 were assumed into heaven. The Book of Jude in the New Testament alludes to the possibility that Moses could have been assumed into heaven body and soul (Jude 1:9).

St. John the Apostle and Evangelist gives us a scriptural account of Mary's whereabouts in the Book of Revelation (Rev 11:19-12:5). When St. John sees heaven, he sees Jesus as the New Temple and he sees Mary as the New Ark of the New Covenant. In the Old Testament, the most important "artifact" in the Jerusalem Temple was the Ark (in which was held a jar of Manna, the stone tablets of the 10 Commandments and Aaron's staff). This Ark was placed in a room called the Holy of Holies. When David was king, one of his first priorities was to "bring up" the Ark into Jerusalem and place it "inside" a makeshift tent. (It would be Solomon, David's son who would build the Temple in Jerusalem).

Now if Jesus is the new David (and the Son of David) who ascended to the heavenly Jerusalem where the heavenly Temple is located, it would make sense that He would likewise bring the true Ark of the New Covenant, Mary, into His heavenly Temple.

Even St. Luke the Evangelist describes Mary as the New Ark (see St. Luke Chps 1-2). If the Ark was held the mysterious bread known as Manna, then Our Lady carried within her womb, the Bread of Life. If the Ark also held the 10 Commandments, then Mary carried within her womb, the Divine Law Giver Himself. If the Ark also held Aaron's miraculous staff signifying his priesthood, then Mary carried within her womb, the Divine High Priest.

One has to remember that it was to St. John the Apostle at the foot of the Cross that Mary was given to as his mother. He would have seen Mary's end of days. And then to see her in the fullness of life in heaven as he saw Our Lady as described in Revelation, St. John would have been overjoyed.

This solemnity should have some spiritual interest for us. Simply put, what happen to Mary will happen to us faithful Christians. As Our Lady bore Christ into the world, we bear Him in the Holy Communion we receive and in the witness of His Indwelling Presence in our life. As Mary was sinless (immaculate), so too will we one day be sinless with God in heaven. Finally as Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven, so too will we be there one day, body and soul.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

After 20 years of employment as the office administrator, Denise Ford, will be retiring in the fall. We will miss her greatly; she has been a great asset to the parish. If you are interested in the position of Office Administrator, please email Father Joe directly at sfdspastor@gmrail.com or drop off your resume at the parish office.



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altarservers.sfds@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". Perhaps the way Christ has called you to magnify the Lord is through the priesthood or religious life. If you think this might be the case, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at **416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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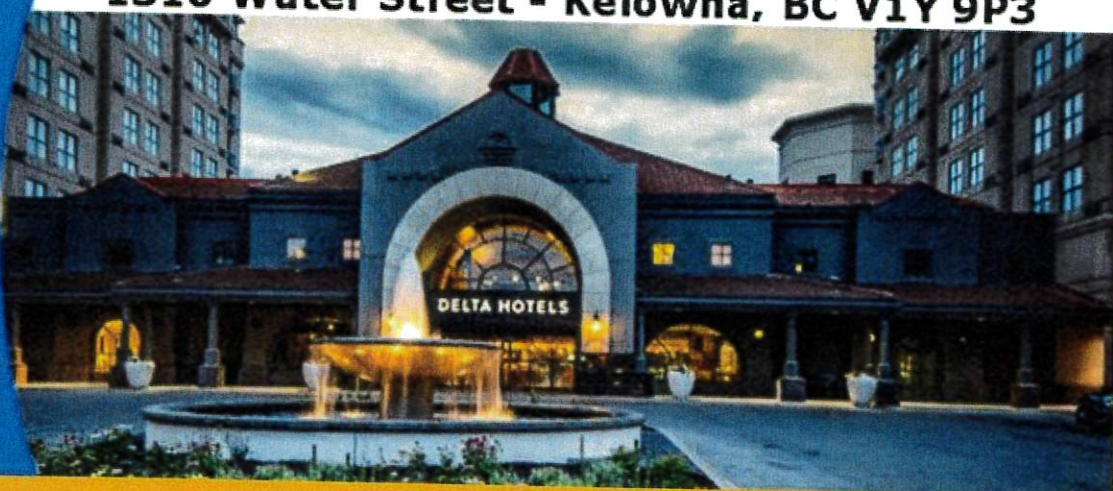
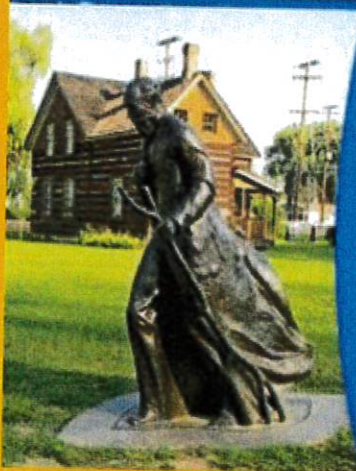
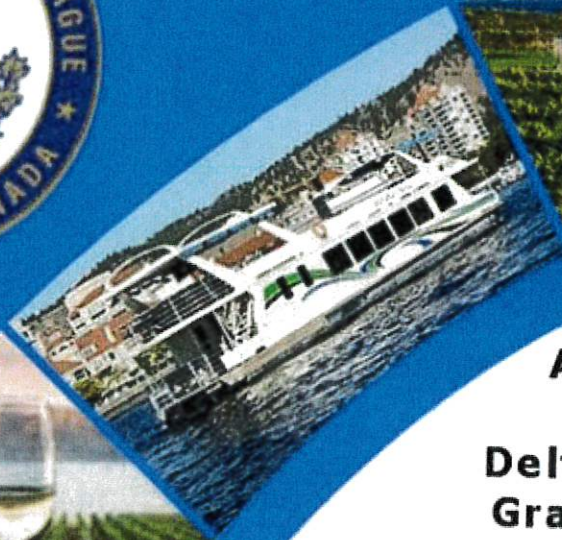
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