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CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 6TH 2021



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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*He blessed it, broke and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this all of you and eat of it, this IS my body."
 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This IS my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."
 – Matthew 26:26-28*

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Celebrating Corpus Christi in prayer

Act of Faith before Holy Communion:

Of a truth I firmly believe,
O Good Jesus,
and with lively faith confess,
that Thou Thyself,
equal to God the Father in glory and in power,
true God and Man,
art verily and indeed present in this Sacrament.
For Thou, the very high Truth itself,
hast said, This is My Body, This is My Blood.
I believe whatever the Son of God hath said.
Nothing can be truer than this word of Him who is the Truth.
I do believe, Lord;
help my belief, increase my faith.

Amen

Source: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=984>



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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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 7 JUNE

+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE

S.I. WARREN ANDRADE

+ BALTAZAR ABULENCIA

WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE

+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CARVALHO & MONTEIRO FAMILIES

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE

AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 11 JUNE

+ LOLA MALLORY

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

+ GIUSEPPE SULTANA

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

+ ALICE ALEMAO

+ JOHN & JANET SOARES

+ GRACE D'SOUZA

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY

S.I. REYNALDO & TERESITA CAYETANO

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The parish will be open for private prayer *only* on **Friday 11 June 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information from the Archdiocese of Toronto on the Sacred Heart of Jesus you may access the following:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/sacred-heart-of-jesus/sacred-heart-pastoral-letter.pdf>



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.

RCIA SPONSORS

If you are a practicing Catholic and would like to sponsor a candidate for RCIA for this upcoming year please phone Father Joe for an appointment.

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 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 \$31,555
Our goal for 2021 is \$84, 800**



Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

REFLECTION

These days, the buzz word banded about in Church circles is accompaniment. We are told that we are to walk with our friend/neighbor during the difficulties of his/her life and not to give offense to anyone. Spiritual accompaniment seems to have been lost in the haze of passing fads and political correctness.

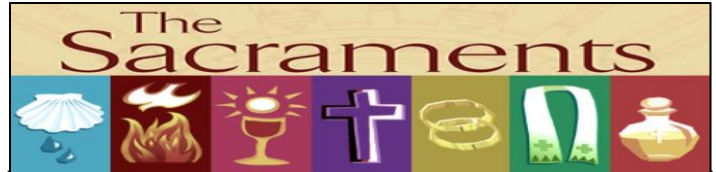
Ultimately the One who truly seeks to accompany us in this life, in good times and bad, is the Son of God Himself. And this accompaniment should always lead us to God, a fact that many forget. As He Himself said at the Last Supper, *"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father, except through me."* It was for this purpose that at the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the form under which He would accompany us men and women post Ascension. The other post Ascension form with which Christ would accompany us in our life time is His Mystical Body, the Church. Yes, the very Catholic Church which is made up of holy and some hypocritical, sinful and mean-spirited individuals, both lay and clerical.

St. Paul brings together these 2 forms of Christ when, immediately after describing Our Lord's Institution of the Holy Eucharist, he writes: *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself"* (1Cor11:27-29).

To eat and drink **without discerning the body** means not discerning the reality of the Body of Christ, the Eucharist and His Mystical Body, the Church. Our Lord cannot be separated from His Body, Eucharistic and Mystical. To receive His Eucharistic Body and Blood while repudiating essential teachings of His Mystical Body is to eat and drink judgment on oneself. In examining one's conscience about being properly disposed to receive the Eucharistic Body of Christ, we know that we all fall short in various ways, but there is a great difference between struggling to live according to the teachings of the Church and rejecting those teachings.

None of us is truly worthy to receive the very Body and Blood of Jesus Himself, but God in His great mercy invites us to receive us and makes us worthy to do so. The Eucharist is medicine of God's forgiveness for our lesser (venial) sins. If we are conscious of mortal (grave) sins we must have recourse to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

If we Catholics were only conscious of sin the way we are about possible contact with the Covid-19 virus and the various ways we went about to avoid being infected with it, we would be in a much better place spiritually and religiously.



We pray that you are all well! Thank you so much for your continued understanding and patience during the provincial lockdown. We know how challenging these times have been for everyone.

At this time, all First Communion and Confirmation dates are on hold until we receive further updates from the provincial government and the Archdiocese of Toronto. We kindly ask you to please check our Parish website regularly, as this is where we will post the new sacramental dates once the Parish can safely open again.

We thank the Lord for your continued desire for your children to receive their sacraments this year and we are looking forward to the day when we can all gather safely again at St Francis de Sales Parish. God bless!

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

Reflection Cont'd...

Like those, who, were infected with the virus, were told to isolate, for **medicinal purposes NOT punitive purposes**, so St. Paul urged members of the Church to exclude temporarily wrongdoers from their community, see 1 Cor 5:1-5; and Jesus Himself speaks of this in the case of those who refuse to listen to the Church, see Mt 18:17. In the same way, the Church asks us, for medicinal purposes NOT punitive purposes, to abstain from the Eucharist until one is forgiven in the sacrament of Confession. The Eucharist is medication for the spiritually sick (venial sin) not for the spiritually dead (mortal sin).

By clearing away those sins in our lives through regular Reconciliation and by accepting the teaching of the Church, we will indeed appreciate that accompaniment that Christ has to give us.

On this Corpus Christi Sunday, let us give thanks to Jesus for His wonderful Presence in the Eucharist and in the Church.



Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto re Discovery of Children's Remains at former Kamloops Residential School

June 3, 2021

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." (1 Cor 12:26)

In recent days, the country has been shocked, saddened and angered by the discovery of the remains of 215 children in unmarked graves who attended a residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. We pray for the children who died in Kamloops and in residential schools throughout the country – they must not be forgotten. We must also recognize the betrayal of trust by many Catholic leaders who were responsible for operating residential schools, abandoning their obligation to care for young and innocent children.

We all seek the truth and this tragic discovery provides yet another opportunity for us to learn more about this dark chapter in our history and the painful journey experienced by so many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is much more work to be done. Since the 1990's, many of the Catholic entities responsible for the operation of residential schools have apologized publicly for their actions and have journeyed together with victims on the path to truth and reconciliation. This includes the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order that operated the residential school in Kamloops, which over the weekend again apologized for its role in the residential school system. Pope Benedict XVI also had the chance to meet with Indigenous leaders in 2009 to personally express his sorrow and anguish.

These actions do not erase our history; they acknowledge our past, force us to face the consequences of our behaviour and compel us to ensure that our sins are not repeated.

While the Archdiocese of Toronto did not operate residential schools, we join with the Indigenous peoples, the Catholic community and Canadians from coast to coast to coast in a period of collective grief for those who are physically, emotionally and spiritually wounded. This Sunday, I will offer Mass for those who died or were abused at residential schools and for all those who deal with the intergenerational trauma caused by this system. We must also continue to build on the tangible initiatives present throughout the country, like the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, where bishops and priests, women religious, laity and Indigenous peoples are committed to walking together on a path to reconciliation.

As I have stated previously when speaking of abuse in the Church, the real scandal is when evil festers in the darkness. Once in the open, evil can be rooted out. That must happen. Then new life can begin. Let us journey together to find light through the darkness once again.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Collins
Archbishop of Toronto



**Statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
following the recent discovery
at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School
on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation**

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), I express our deepest sorrow for the heartrending loss of the children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

The news of the recent discovery is shocking. It rekindles trauma in numerous communities across this land. Honouring the dignity of the lost little ones demands that the truth be brought to light.

This tragedy profoundly impacts Indigenous communities, with whom many people across this land and throughout the world now stand in solidarity.

As we see ever more clearly the pain and suffering of the past, the Bishops of Canada pledge to continue walking side by side with Indigenous Peoples in the present, seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We lift up prayers to the Lord for the children who have lost their lives and pledge our close accompaniment of Indigenous families and communities.

May our Creator God bless all of us with consolation and hope.

+ Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg and
President of the Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

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