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Divine Mercy

11th April, 2021

SUNDAY



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 - SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 9:30 am - 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

The office is currently closed to the public.
 For enquiries and support, please contact staff by phone or by email. Appointments can be booked if required.

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Jesus, I trust in You. Have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. - Amen

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St. Francis de Sales Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

*God invites us to trust in His love
and the sacrament of Reconciliation*



The good news revealed that God's love for each person knows no bounds...no sin or infidelity, no matter how horrible, will separate us from God & His love when we turn to Him in confidence, & seek his mercy.

Quote Source: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/history/>

Love, Patience and Perseverance

Dear Friends,

The Passion of Jesus teaches us that love, patience and perseverance allow us to suffer through trials with hope and trust. Throughout the Easter season, we pray that you can continue to imitate our Lord, while we live through the pandemic. Through grace may we always act with love, patience and perseverance to protect both family and neighbours.



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 12 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. CORY TORRES
S.I. FR. ISSAC THARAYIL
S.I. LIONEL & MARIA EXTROSS

TUESDAY, 13 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. FR. DEREK ALI
S.I. LURDINA FERNANDES
S.I. MAY ANTHONY & MABMOOD ALI
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WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL

9:00 AM + JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL
+ FR. PETER TAMMEARU
+ TONY GENOVA

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL

9:00 AM + JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL
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RECEIVED FOR GOVEAS & ABRAHAM
FAMILIES

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. PASKINA & ANTHONY ALEXANDER
S.I. ANDREW & MARGARET FERNANDES
S.I. PASIL MARECHEAU

SATURDAY, 17 APRIL

9:00 AM + ALICE ALEMAO

5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ JOE, AGATHA & CHARLETTE NUNES
+ ELVENA & SALEEM KHAN

SUNDAY, 18 APRIL

8:30 AM + JOSEPH CHEEKU PALAYATHIL
+ HERMANO OLIVEIRA
+ FRANCISCA ABARCA TRAJECO

9:45 AM S.I. DAVID & KIM KOTES & FAMILY
+ RITA MENEZES
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

11:00 AM + MAGNO DIOLATA & DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE DIOLATA FAMILY
+ MARC CRUDO

12:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all parishioners for their patience and understanding over the Holy Triduum. We know that many parishioners were turned away on Easter Sunday because of the new government restrictions of 15% per seating capacity. It hurt us to have turned away people on this most important day of the Church's year. Please remember that we are all in this together. We are trying our best to accommodate.



MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Weekday Masses are 9:00 a.m. **These days will be on a first come, first serve basis. We are capped at 15% of our congregational capacity.**

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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



On **11 April** we will have a Holy Hour dedicated to the Divine Mercy of Jesus. We will gather **from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** During that time Father David and Father Joe will be hearing confessions.

Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca



REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY

This weekend, the universal Church celebrates **Divine Mercy**. Mercy is God’s very goodness that pours itself out in creating us, redeeming us after we sinned and sanctifying us. It is a gift of pure love, which we cannot merit. This Mercy of God comes from His very core, His very essence, an ocean of mercy without limit.

The Latin word for Mercy is *Misericordia*: that is *miser* (pity or compassion) and *cor* (heart). There are no single words in English which can adequately describe this mercy. So many multiple words are used such as tender-kindness, loving-mercy, faithful-love, committed-love, everlasting-love and heartfelt-love.

This message which was given by Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) calls upon mankind to turn to Him with trust and repentance while there is still time before He comes as the just Judge. God’s mercy is always available to us, no matter what we have done or what state we are in, even if our sins are as black as night and we are filled with fears and anxieties. “The greater the sinner, the greater the right has to My Mercy.”

We are not only to receive His mercy, but we are to use it, being merciful to others by our actions, by our words and by our prayers. We are to practise corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, burying the dead, comforting the prisoners and sheltering travelers. We are also called upon to practise spiritual works of mercy: teaching the ignorant, praying for the living and the dead, correcting sinners, counseling those in doubt, consoling the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently and forgiving wrongs willingly.

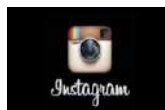
Finally as Catholic Christians we can go to the Sacrament of Confession and be reconciled with God and man. Christ wants us to live reconciled with Him and with others.

“Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy”
(Mt 5:7)

SL ShareLife

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community. Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. **ShareLife Sunday is next weekend, 18 April.** Please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$84,800**. Please give generously.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US ON INSTAGRAM @sfd sajax



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 2021

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$43,913
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,741
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$3,378
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,326,437



Please note that our CWL’s little gift shop will be open briefly during the following times starting on Thursday April 15th and the weekend of April 17th -18th. This will continue every week until Sunday May 9th, in case our sacramental families are looking for any items for your child’s upcoming sacrament.

Thursday - 11:00am-12:00pm

Saturday- 4:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday- 12:45pm - 1:15pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Parish website for the First Communion dates and times and note that these dates are subject to change depending on if new provincial restrictions are required...we pray that things will improve in our world with more people receiving the vaccination in the coming weeks. We will be required to use a ticket system again this year to ensure we maintain the required physical distancing. The number of tickets that will be given to each family will be confirmed closer to the sacramental dates. **Please have your child begin to work on the First Communion preparation books at home this week.** Again, 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. God bless!

CONFIRMATION

I hope everyone was able to celebrate Easter safely and that you are all doing well, safe and healthy. We will be moving forward with the virtual retreat on Sunday, April 18 from 4pm-6pm and Monday, April 19 from 7pm-9pm. Students are required to attend the retreat on the same day they attended the classes. We will be using the same link as the Confirmation classes, so please refer back to that link for the retreat. Noah will be sending out an email with details regarding the retreat, so please keep an eye out for the email. Confirmation Masses will be moving forward under the new 15% seating capacity. The number of tickets per student has been affected; please check your emails for more information. Continue to pray daily and attend Mass weekly. God bless you all.

Living the Gospel

Your community is in crisis. You can help.

Since Covid hit, more people have been turning to ShareLife agencies for help.

From seniors in isolation, to people suffering from mental illness, to homeless youth: the pandemic has disproportionately harmed the most vulnerable among us.

Your help is needed to meet the growing need for compassionate care. You can bring hope and healing to your community.



SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
April 18 / June 20 / October 3

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The stakes have never been higher

"Vulnerable members of our community are **relying on you and me** to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our ShareLife Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, **but only if we each do our part.**"

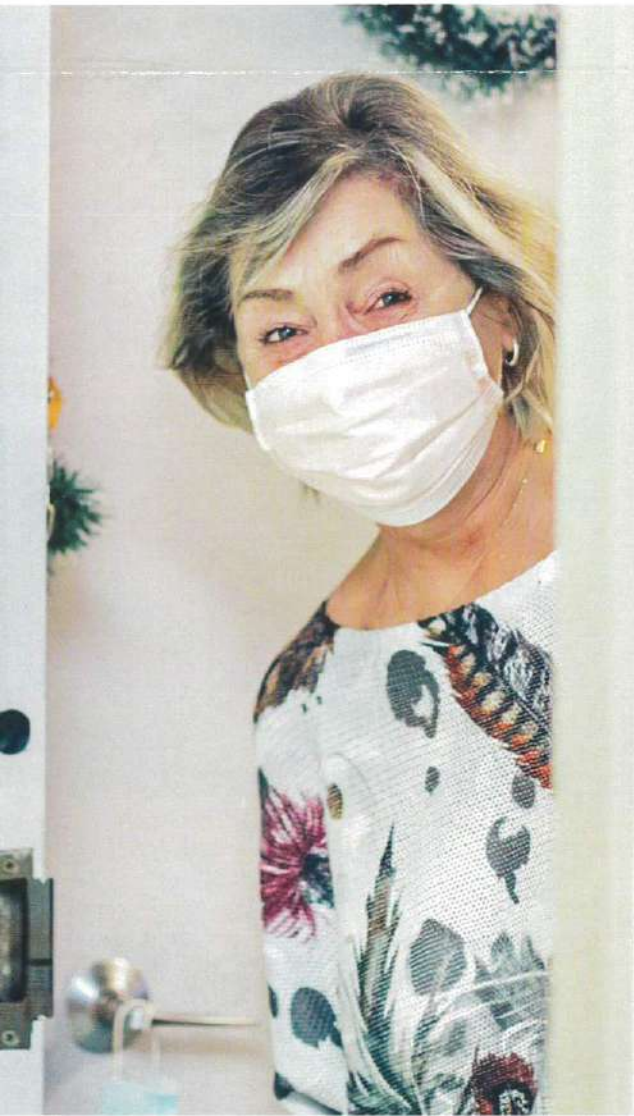
– Cardinal Thomas Collins

By giving to Sharelife, you bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Your contribution supports over 40 agencies in your community and around the world, serving people of all faiths.

Here's how you can help



- Give at your parish. ShareLife Sunday collections will take place **April 18, June 20 and October 3.**
- Donate securely online at **sharelife.org** or using online banking.
- Spread your gift over 12 months using **pre-authorized giving** or monthly giving by credit card.
- Make a gift of **securities**. To learn more, contact ShareLife at 1-800-263-2595 or slife@archtoronto.org.



Keeping Mary safe

The pandemic has been particularly arduous for seniors in long-term care, as their worried loved ones look on from a distance.

Mary, a mother of two and doting grandmother of five, lives at Providence Healthcare's Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence. Its rigorous safety measures are challenging for someone like Mary, who loves socializing in the four languages she speaks. And while she's learned how to make video calls with her iPad, she longs to once again receive visitors in person.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," Mary says, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful."

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Providence is doing everything possible to keep Mary safe.

Pictured: A client of LA Centre for Active Living



Your support saves lives

"After I lost a couple of my friends to overdose, I realized it was time to get my life on track," Dadzie recalls. "I didn't want to end up like that."

A case worker encouraged him to enroll in Good Shepherd Ministries' DARE program for homeless men with addictions. In this program, clients live together in a secure dormitory, offering each other support while they receive counselling.

"I've seen improvement every day since my treatment," says Dadzie, who now volunteers twice a week in Good Shepherd's clothing room and kitchen. "If not for Good Shepherd, I would never have made it."

Your gift to ShareLife makes the DARE program possible.

Photo taken prior to pandemic

You enable **21,000 people** to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies



You provide food for **72,000 people** internationally through Canadian Food for Children and Mary's Meals

You ensure nearly **7,000 seniors** receive dignified care

You facilitate the arrival of **528 refugees** through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto

You invest in our Church's future by supporting **54 seminarians** at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

Will you help your community by making a gift today?

A more caring community

"ShareLife is the front line, person-to-person charity of caring that, in my mind, demonstrates the true meaning of the Gospels, put into action. When I researched the work they do, I was amazed and impressed by the extent and variety of people they help.

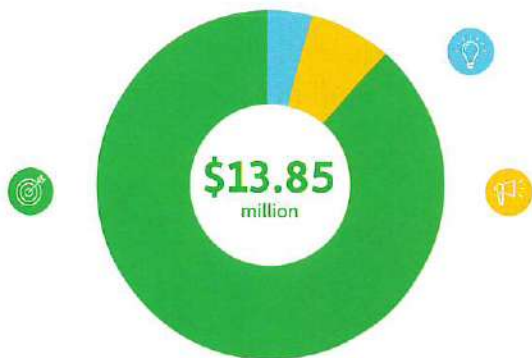
"ShareLife is personal, direct, unglamorous, effective and important help for those in need. They make our community a kinder and more caring place. It's true charity in action."

- Robert Pierce, a ShareLife supporter



How your gift helps

We treat every gift as a sacred trust. By keeping administration and fundraising costs under 12%, we ensure the maximum amount goes to those in greatest need.



Program spending
\$12,207,553 / 88.1%

Administration
\$606,768 / 4.4%

Fundraising
\$1,036,419 / 7.5%

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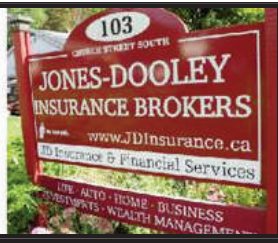


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