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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 - 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 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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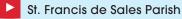
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2020 - 2021**COVID-19 Confirmation Schedule**

School Group	Ticket Pick – Up	Groups 1 and 2 are organized based on the maximum numbers the Church can safely accommodate	Confirmation Mass Date
St. Catherine of Siena	Sunday, April 11 1:15pm – 2:15 pm		Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7pm
St. Francis de Sales			Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7pm
Virtual			Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7pm
St. Jude	op 2op		Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7pm
Other Catholic Schools			Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7pm
St. Josephine Bakhita	OR	Group 1 – Last Names: A – L	Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7pm
		Group 2 – Last Names: M – X	Wednesday, May 5 at 7pm
St. André Bessette	Monday, April 12 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Group 1 – Last Names: C – M	Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7pm
St. Andre Bessette St. Patrick		Group 2 – Last Names: N – W	Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 7pm
			Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 5 APRIL

9:00 AM + SYDNEY FREITAS

+ JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL

+ SAM MOMOLLIGODA

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. ARLENE ALVARES

+ JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL

9:00 AM + JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL

9:00 AM + CLARITA VALENZUELA

+ JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL

FRIDAY, 9 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. OLIVE VIEGAS

SATURDAY, 10 APRIL

9:00 AM + CHANDRAMOHAN DHARMARATNAM

+ CIRIACO GALAPIN

5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

+ JOE, AGATHA & CHARLETTE NUNES

+ GIUSEPPE SULTANA

SUNDAY, 11 APRIL

8:30 AM S.I. FRANCIS & VINITA PALAYATHIL

+ GARY, PAULINE & TONY CASTRUCCI

+ JULIANA ESPIRITU PASAJOL

9:45 AM S.I. ADRIANA & KEVIN RASMUSSEN &

FAMILY

+ ROSE RENEDIOUS

11:00 AM S.I. CLIVE CASTELINO

+ JOHN CHOU

+ SOPHIA KWAN

12:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

DAILY INTENTIONS

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.

SHARELIFE

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community. Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. ShareLife Sunday is April 18th. 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.



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

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 <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.

Friendly Tips: If you're looking for a Mass that is not too crowded on Sundays, you may try the 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. Please remember to arrive as a group as we cannot guarantee late arrival accommodation for your other family

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. To alleviate the confessional line you may want to go to reconciliation on Friday 9 April 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. In this way you will be fulfilling the Divine Mercy obligation.

REFLECTION

St. Paul breaks open for us his understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus. To this very day, many Christians still do not understand the importance of the Resurrection to the Christian faith. Many today mistakenly believe that only Jesus' spirit was raised from the dead and that his physical body remained in the grave.

For St. Paul, "the mention of burial underlines the fact that for a Jew like Paul, resurrection does not mean 'survival' or 'nonphysical immortality' but involves the undoing of death and burial alike. The empty tomb is presupposed. It is we (moderns) not the early Christians who have made this empty tomb a major focal point of discussion.

For St. Paul the resurrected body possesses and discontinuity with the existing body. The plant grows from the seed yet is a different sort of thing. The resurrection of the body is thus not only identical with the original body (even though it has not been resuscitated) but, rather, it is the transformation of the existing body into a new mode of physicality. Paul says that the resurrection will be a transformed physicality with new properties and attributes but still concrete and physical.

When St. Paul describes Christ's resurrected body as a spiritual body, he does not mean a nonphysical body. The contrast is not between physical and nonphysical, but rather between a body animated by 'soul' (the present natural body, which, like animals, die and decay) and a body animated by 'spirit,' presumably God's spirit, which will therefore posses a quality of life that transcends the present decaying existence."

Borg, Marcus J. & N.T. Wright, "The Transforming Reality of the Bodily Resurrection." *The Meaning of Jesus. Two Visions.* New York, HarperCollins Publishers, 1999, pp. 111-127.

AN EASTER PRAYER AND THANKS

May the Loving Sacrifice
Christ made for mankind
Bring you close to Him at Easter
And as you bow your head to pray
May your heart be blessed
With the light of Love and Hope
That Christ made manifest
in His Crucifixion and
Resurrection



On behalf of Fr. David, Deacon Alban and the pastoral team, we would like to thank our parishioners for their prayers, best wishes and presents.



We pray all our First Communion and Confirmation children and their families have a beautiful Easter! We know that these days can be quite different and challenging. Try to take some time this weekend to get outside and take in all of God's wonderful blessings of spring as a family. These special moments give us hope, joy, peace, love and happiness that will linger in our hearts forever! 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. We look forward to seeing all of you at Mass each week as the children prepare for their very special sacrament of First Communion. God bless!

CONFIRMATION

Happy Easter everyone! The Lord is risen, Alleluia! I hope you enjoy the Easter weekend safely at home with your loved ones. We are getting closer to celebrating your Confirmation! Please continue to pray daily and attend Mass weekly. The ticket pick-up for your Confirmation Masses are next week, so please don't forget to ensure you are available to come for one of those dates. The virtual retreat is coming up in two weeks. You are expected to attend the retreat on the same day of the week and time that you attended Confirmation Classes. If there are any questions, please refer to the Confirmation page on the website.









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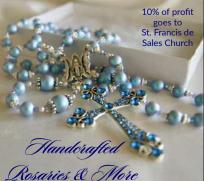


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