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Parish Hours

**Please see
 Bulletin Insert for
 current COVID-19
 Schedule.**

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 is Love without Measure"*
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St. Francis de Sales Parish



Prayer in Times of Need

For those in any need:
almighty God, keep them in your love
and make us generous in responding to those in need.

Lord God,
we turn to you in all our troubles
and praise you in all our joys.

Hear our prayer this day and see our need.
Give us the strength and courage
that flows from your Spirit
to follow your Son, Jesus, in the way of the cross.

Send us your support
And let us experience it
in the generosity and support of others.
Glory and praise to you, God of mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 26 APRIL

+ JOSE DO REGO OLIVEIRA
+ VERNON FERNANDES

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL

+ TOMKA PRINCIP

WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR DELRIN ARUL
+ CHARLENE LAWRENCE

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL

+ SHIRLEY BERCHMORE & LENNOX LI

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL

+ AMELITA ALCANTARA
+ SIMON & SYLVIA D'SOUZA

SATURDAY, 1 MAY

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP
+ JIMMY SUARLY
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ SIMON & SYLVIA D'SOUZA
+ CANDIDO & FRANCELINA RAMIRES

SUNDAY, 2 MAY

S.I. WILLIAM & VICTORIA CHAMPADI
S.I. SUZANNE AND MIKE BOSS & FAMILY
+ DOMINGO BAITISTA
+ JIMMY SUARLY
FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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.

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.



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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 10 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. 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 and time. Out of love for neighbour, we encourage you to register not more than once every two weeks to allow other parishioners to attend.

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.

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

QUESTION AND ANSWER

On Sunday 11 April, the first reading from the Acts of Apostles, it stated: *“The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. There was not a need person among them for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the Apostles’ feet and it was distributed to each as any had need”* (Acts 4:32-35). Does this mean that the early Church was socialist or communist?

This passage from Acts is not about socialism, as socialism/communism does not bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. Stated in that above quote is this line: *“With great power the Apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”* The apostolic communities and many other Christian communities that followed them, were driven by religious motivation. They were voluntary movements wherein Christians agreed to sell property and share things by their own choice. They were not under any compulsion by a coercive socialist or communist state that everyone, under the threat of punishment, sell and share all resources.

We recall in the Gospel that the Good Samaritan as well as Zacchaeus all voluntarily gave their own wealth or earnings as free will acts, not as a forced response or threat to or from some authority.

Sacred Scripture attests to the right of private property. One of the Ten Commandments states: *Thou shall not steal.* To steal is to take someone’s property which is a basic right according to the Bible and to Natural Moral Law, which God has inscribed in our being.

ONLINE MASSES

Mass is being celebrated and is available for live stream from St. Michael’s Cathedral. It can be viewed online at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmikescathto. If you cannot watch it live, you can view it later in the day at www.youtube.com/archtoronto



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

I pray that all of our First Communion families are well. As you have heard in the news, effective Monday April 19th, all in person religious services will be capped at 10 PEOPLE only. These restrictions will remain in effect for four weeks, which will unfortunately affect our dates for First Communion. For this reason, **all of the May 15th First Communions will be postponed to a later date and the May 29th and June 5th First Communions are tentative.** We will update our Parish website/bulletin once the lockdown is over and we are updated on when we can safely celebrate First Communions again. Please have your child continue to work on the First Communion preparation books at home. 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 encourage you to pray daily as a family by using the prayer pamphlet that was given at registration and to watch Mass every Sunday. It is our faith that can truly help us get through some of these challenging days ahead. We look forward to when we can see all of you again and the children can celebrate their very special sacrament of First Communion. God bless!

CONFIRMATION

All Confirmation Masses are now postponed to a later date. Fr. Joe and I are already in discussion and communication regarding Confirmation for this year. When we hear word that restrictions will ease and we can safely celebrate Confirmation, I will let you know right away with what the tentative dates will be. Continue to monitor the website and bulletin for any further updates. Please continue to pray daily and to watch Mass weekly until we can gather together again safely. God bless you all and stay safe.

VOCATIONS

This is World Day or Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God’s people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, 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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