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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 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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St. Francis de Sales Parish

**Our King comes to Jerusalem to take up his Cross and bear our sins. His victory over death is near.**



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# *Palm Sunday*

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# Lent Schedule

## Fridays during Lent:

- ❖ Stations of the Cross: 8:30am
- ❖ Mass: 9:00am
- ❖ Confessions: 9:30am – 10am

## Palm Sunday Weekend Masses:

### ❖ Saturday March 27:

- ❖ 5pm

### ❖ Sunday March 28:

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 9:45am
- ❖ 11am
- ❖ 12:15pm



# Holy Triduum Schedule

## Holy Thursday (April 1)

- ❖ (No 9am Mass)
- ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
- ❖ Adoration begins after MASS (ends at 9:00pm)

## Good Friday (April 2)

- ❖ Services: 9am/11am/1pm/3pm
- ❖ (No Stations of the Cross at 7pm)

## Holy Saturday (April 3)

(No 9am or 5pm Mass; no confession; no Easter basket blessing)

- ❖ Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm

## Easter Sunday Masses (April 4)

- ❖ 8:30 am
- ❖ 9:45am
- ❖ 11am
- ❖ 12:15pm



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 29 MARCH**

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**TUESDAY, 30 MARCH**

9:00 AM + REV. DONALD MACLEAN  
+ JOHN MUNJANATT

**WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH**

9:00 AM + JAMES & AGNES MCHUGH  
+ MARGARET DANIEL

**THURSDAY, 1 APRIL**

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

**EASTER SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, 1 APRIL – HOLY THURSDAY**

7:30 PM FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED PRIESTS

**FRIDAY, 2 APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00 AM VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
11:00 AM VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
1:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
3:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, 3 APRIL – EASTER VIGIL**

8:30 PM TRENT FREDERIC CHASE

**SUNDAY, 4 APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 AM + BARBARA CANNATA  
+ PEDRO & EUFRECINA CHICHIOCO  
+ FR. MICHAEL HUGHIE MACNEIL  
9:45 AM S.I. HEALING FOR GIULIANO  
MONTANARI & FAMILY  
+ TOM SCHULTE-ALBERT  
+ MARISSA REYES  
11:00 AM + RICARDO LIM  
+ PIADADE & MATHIAS CASTELINO  
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ  
12:15 PM S.I. FR. JOE, FR. DAVID & THE PARISH  
STAFF  
+ ALEX ESPINHEIRO

**2020 TAX RECEIPTS**

Please note, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing out all 2020 Tax Receipts for St. Francis de Sales parishioners.



**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.

**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 members.

**HOLY THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER**

Holy Thursday private veneration after Mass until 9 p.m.

**VENERATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY**

Due to Covid19 restrictions members of the congregation will be unable to venerate the crucifix (with a kiss) in the Church, as tradition dictates. To get around the restriction, the faithful are asked to kiss reverently their own crucifix (from the rosary) during the same time that the priests kiss and venerate the Cross.



**HOLY SATURDAY**

Please note, on Saturday 3 April there will be no blessing of the Easter baskets.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR**

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.

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### **Why do we celebrate the Passion of Jesus on Palm Sunday when we celebrate His Passion on Good Friday?**

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, although important days in the liturgical calendar for Catholics, are not days of obligation like the 52 Sundays, Christmas and New Year's Day (Feast of Mary, Mother of God). Hence, during the Sunday previous to Easter Sunday, a Catholic who observes his or her Sunday Mass obligation, will have had the whole Paschal Mystery (from the Upper Room and the Last supper to Calvary and the Cross to the Resurrection) presented to them.

Furthermore, the Passion of Christ is painted in different colours for each of the evangelists. On Passion (Palm) Sunday, St. Mark's account is read this year. St. John's account is always read on Good Friday.

In St. Mark's account, Christ is abandoned by everyone, including His Heavenly Father as he undergoes His trial, death and crucifixion. In St. John's gospel, Jesus reigns supreme, wherein Jesus is in control of everything which happens to Him. Nothing happens by chance to Jesus in St. John's account.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are so excited to finally be able to confirm the First Communion rehearsal dates as well as the First Communion dates (please see the Parish website under First Communion, 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. 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 encourage you to pray daily as a family by using the prayer pamphlet that was given at registration. We are working on the Nicene Creed for First Communion. It would be great for the children to begin to become more familiar with this prayer by reading along.

Wishing all of you a beautiful Holy Week as we journey with Jesus.

## CONFIRMATION

Wishing all of you a blessed and fruitful Palm Sunday and Holy Week. What a fantastic run on our Confirmation classes and I am so blessed to witness the growth you all have made throughout this journey. Ticket pick-up for our Confirmation Masses will be on April 11 & 12. Please ensure you pick up these tickets during this time. For more information on these dates and times, please refer to the email that was sent out or to reach out to me for any further questions or concerns. More information regarding the Virtual Retreat will follow in the coming weeks. God bless all of you, take care and stay safe.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all high school students!! Join us for an evening games and talks of our faith on Saturday, April 3 at 7pm. It's completely free for high school students so please feel free to try it out for a night, it's all virtual so you can tune in from the comfort of your home! For more information, please contact Noah Aquino at [noah.aquino@outlook.com](mailto:noah.aquino@outlook.com) or (905) 683 – 1403 X100. We hope to see you there!

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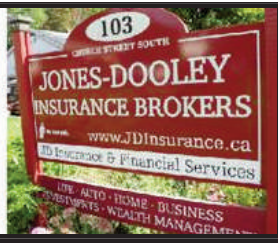


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