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Pentecost Sunday

May 23th 2021



*Lord send out your Spirit,
 and renew the face of the earth.*

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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WISDOM

FORTITUDE

Wisdom

Piety

COUNSEL

Knowledge

Fear of the Lord

Understanding

Pentecost Sunday

Dear God grant us the gifts of:

Wisdom
to aspire only to things eternal

Understanding
of your Divine truth

Council
to choose the surest way to Heaven

Fortitude
to bear our cross with courage

Knowledge
to know you, oneself and the Saints

Piety
to find service sweet and amiable

Fear
to always have loving reverence of You

(Prayer adapted from: [Day Eight: Friday, 7th Week of Easter](#) |

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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TUESDAY, 25 MAY

+ SONIA LIM

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY

+ VERNON FERNANDES

+ ALICE ALEMAO

+ RIO, PETTY & MILLIE BARRETTO

THURSDAY, 27 MAY

AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 28 MAY

AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

+ JOE, AGATHA & CHARLETTE NUNES

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

S.I. GRETTA CARDOZ

+ SIMON & SYLVIA D'SOUZA

+ CECILIA CLEMENTS

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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.

The Church and parish office will be closed on Monday 24 May due to the long weekend.

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.

HUMANITARIAN AID TO INDIA

Those wishing to help India during this pandemic time may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

St. Francis de Sales Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

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 \$23,081

Our goal for 2021 is \$84, 800

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca



REFLECTION

As a few Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto have decided to fly the Gay Pride rainbow flag on their properties, we need to make our distinctions regarding homosexuality. Too often, many people wrongly think that in condemning homosexuality, the Catholic Church is condemning the person. To untwist the confusion surrounding the Church's teaching on homosexuality, there are 3 distinctions we need to look at: **the person, the sexual orientation and the act.**

Each **person** is made in the Image and Likeness of God. Each **person** is loved into existence in space and time (history) by a loving God. The Church cannot condemn what God has lovingly willed to exist, that is the **human person**, a union of body and soul.

Closely related to the human person is **human nature**. This human nature is the "stuff" out of which we were made. This human nature is also made in the Image and Likeness of God.

Orientation pertains to the sexual "outlook" of the person. Many gays and lesbians legitimately say that they did not choose their orientation but that their same-sex orientation chose them. In talking about same-sex orientation, the Church has chosen the word, **disordered**. Again, many wrongly assume that upon hearing the word 'disordered', it refers to the person and not the sexual orientation. Hence the vitriol and hatred thrown at the Church. "Disordered" may indeed be an outdated word and the Church has to look for another word to describe pastorally sexual orientation. (Interestingly enough, when society talks about a person having Attention Deficit Disorder, [ADD], no one assumes that it refers to the **person** but perhaps to their concentration ability). To have a same-sex orientation is **not** a sin and it **does not** endanger one's salvation. To have a same-sex orientation, **does not** mean that God loves the person any less.

The **act** refers to the sexual behaviour of the person. Any sexual act outside of (heterosexual) marriage is a sin and is condemned in Sacred Scripture and the Church. Any sexual act outside of marriage, freely consented to and with deliberation of thought, imperils one's salvation. It is old fashioned to say but still very appropriate to state that "the Church does not condemn the sinner but the sin" not the person but the act.

Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Our Lady, pray for us.

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, pray for us.



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!



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VOCATIONS

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email vocations@archtoronto.org



BUNDLE SUNDAY

We will have a collection for used clothing, shoes and linens on the weekend of **June 5 & 6**. NO FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, ELECTRONICS OR TOYS PLEASE. These collections assist St. Vincent de Paul in its mission of helping the needy and we very much appreciate your past and continued support.

SILENT IGNATIANT RETREAT

FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

with Fr. John O'Brien, SJ

Young professionals are students and working adults, generally under the age of 40, who are living in the midst of the world, and who seek to know God in a deeper way, to experience the love and healing of Christ, and receive help discerning God's path for their lives. In the words of Pope Francis, "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!". Young people are already "leaven" in society and uniquely placed to be agents of God's mercy and the building of his kingdom. This retreat, at the threshold of the month of June, will bring our retreatants to a "heart to heart" encounter with the Sacred Heart, the living symbol of the God who has loved us relentlessly from the beginning.

June 4 (evening) to June 6 (noon), 2021

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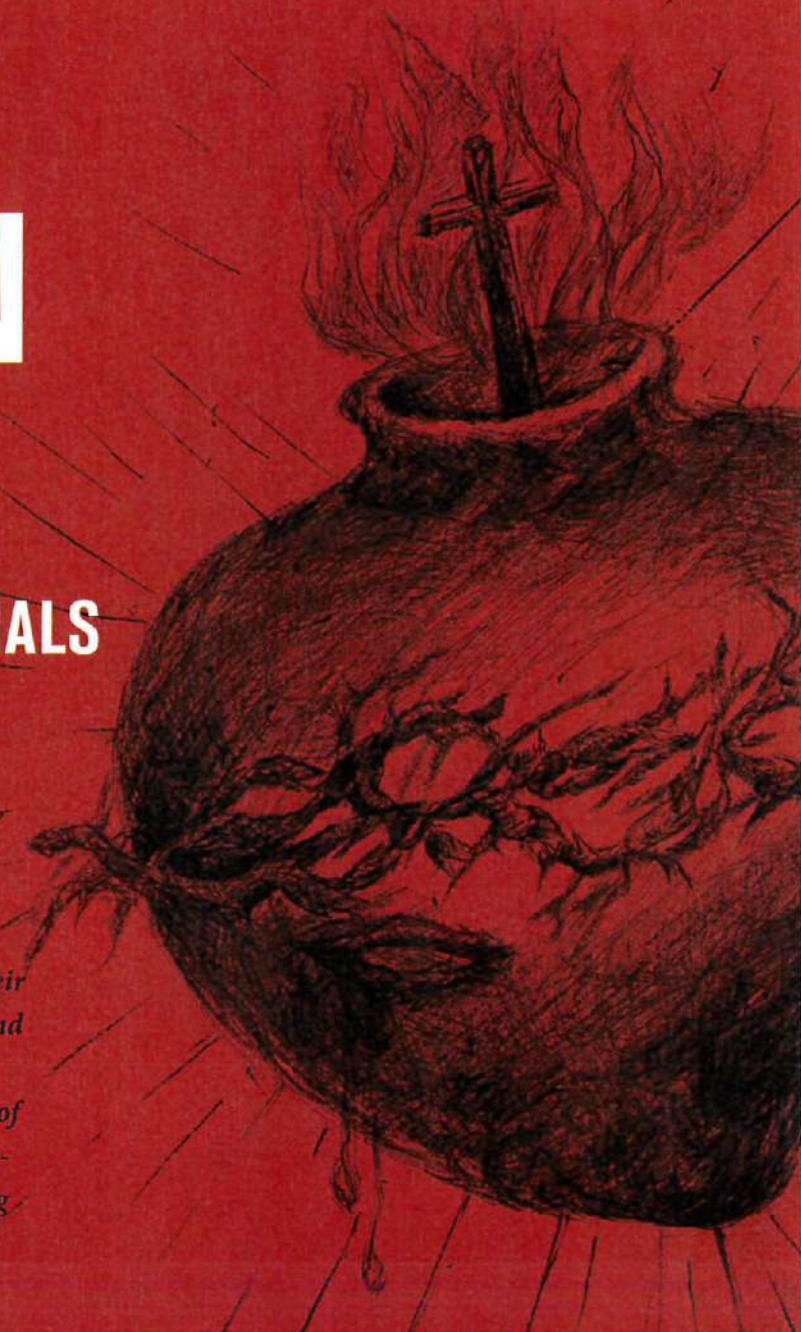
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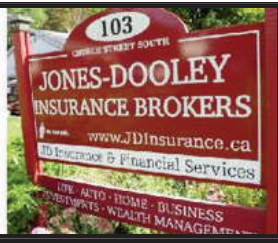


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