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# The Second Sunday of Lent

March 13th, 2022



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 - THURSDAY 9:00 am **FRIDAY** 7:00 pm **SATURDAY** 9:00 am

**SUNDAY MASS** 

**SATURDAY** 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY** 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**FRIDAY** 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm **SATURDAY** 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

**OFFICE HOURS** 

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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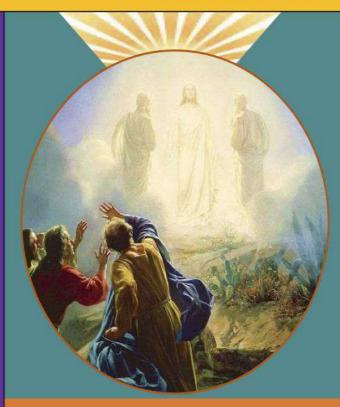






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# **Transfiguration - Transformation**



"We must also be transformed by becoming humbler and more selfless, sharing love, compassion and forgiveness with others. But in our everyday lives, we often fail to recognize Jesus when he appears to us "transfigured," hidden in someone who is in some kind of need.... With the eyes of Faith, we must see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters, the children of God we come across each day and, by His grace, respond to Him with love and service."

Source of Quote:

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-03/sunday-reflection-vatican-news.html

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 14 MARCH** 

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR SABRINAMA

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+ YIP WAI YING

+ RAJ FERNANDO & SURESH FERNANDO

**TUESDAY, 15 MARCH** 

9:00 AM + DELMARE RODRIGUES

+ MARGARET WALSH

+ VIRGINIA SAN DIEGO

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH

9:00 AM + BENNY CASTELINO

+ CHARLOTTE & FIDELIS MONTEIRO

+ LESLIE D'SILVA

**THURSDAY. 17 MARCH** 

9:00 AM + RIO, PETTY & MILLIE BARRETTO

+ DEOGRASCIAS SANTIAGO

+ ERMELINDA MONIZ

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH

7:00 PM + ALL SOULS IN PURAGTORY

+ CECILIA SAN DIEGO

+ JANET & JOHN SOARES

**SATURDAY, 19 MARCH** 

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR JOY CHAN

+ SAMUEL KAISER

+ SINGARAJAH SINA THAMBI

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY, 20 MARCH** 

8:30 AM + GEORGE DESOUZA

+ MINET FERNANDO

+ THIRUNAMUM NAGAMANI

10:15 AM + LEA CARTE & JOSEFINA ESTOQUE

+ RUTH CAMACHO

12:00 PM + FERNANDO MANALO JR. & CIRIACA

**OUESADA MANALO** 

+ OLIVIA, ANTONIO & MAGGIE SOUSA

+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

7:00 PM + MARCIANO VILLENA

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

There will be a day of training for any students in Grade 3 and up who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, on **Saturday 26 March at 10:30 AM.** If you are interested in joining our Altar Server ministry, kindly send an email to Kelly at altarservers.sfds@gmail.com.

#### Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

#### **SHARELIFE 2022**

Our first ShareLife collection for 2022 will take place after Holy Communion on the weekend of **26/27 March**. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated as all collections go toward those in unfortunate situations.

#### LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### Fridays during Lent:

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mass

## UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

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

Let us continue to keep our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in our prayers.

## K of C 40 CANS FOR LENT



The Knights of Columbus of St Francis de Sales are having their 40 cans for Lent Program. If you are able to drop off in their boxes located in the foyer, a can of food, that would be greatly appreciated.

## **COME & SEE DAY RETREAT**

# Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

#### REFLECTION

This week we look at the third phrase of Jesus from the Cross: "Woman behold your son. Behold your mother" with the help of the late Bishop Fulton Sheen.

If the first phrase from the Cross was addressed to enemies, the second phrase addressed to sinners, then this phrase is addressed to saints.

The Virgin Mary received her first Annunciation from an angel in Nazareth wherein eternity became time, Divinity became incarnate, God a man. Now at the foot of the Cross, Mary received her second Annunciation, this time not from an angel but from her Son. Because Jesus' life is infused or reproduced in us through baptism, Mary truly and rightly becomes our Mother. Where ever the Son is, the Mother will be found. Now we can understand why Christ was called her Firstborn. It was not because she was to have other children by the blood of the flesh, but because she was to have other children by the blood of her heart.

These words of Jesus to His mother and apostle are like the Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus... (Holy, Holy, Holy...) of the Mass, just before the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer. On the Cross, Jesus had no need of saintly intercession, for He is the Holy One of God. But we have need of holiness. But how can we be holy participants in the Sacrifice of the Mass? Jesus gave us the answer: namely by putting ourselves under the protection of His Blessed Mother. Jesus addresses the Church and all its members in the person of St. John the Apostle and says to each of us: "...Behold your mother. Jesus addressed Mary not as Mother but as Woman. Mary had a universal mission to be not only His Mother, but to be the Mother of all Christians. She had been His Mother; now Mary was to be the mother of His Mystical Body, the Church. And we are her children. Mary was to make us other Christs, for as Mary had raised the Holy One of God, so only she could reign us as holy ones of God worthy to say: Sanctus, Sanctus... (Holy, Holy, Holy...) in the Mass of that prolonged Calvary.

Sheen, Fulton J. "Woman behold thy son; behold your mother." *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross. An Anthology.* Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2018, pp. 111-164.

#### **BANNS FOR ORDINATION**

Nicholas Daunt is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on June 18, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2022

	<b>GOAL</b>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$47,272.85
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,457.00
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$3,440.00
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,219,568

Thank you for your continued support!



#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

I pray that all the children have a happy, healthy and safe March Break!! For the children who are attending public/private, other Catholic schools, virtual school and who are in grades 3-6, please begin to work on your First Communion preparation books at home after the March Break. We are looking forward to our class visits in our 6 parish schools beginning in April.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Please note there are **no Confirmation classes** for the next two weeks because of the March break (Mar 12/13 & Mar 20/21). We encourage all families to be attending Mass in person if healthy and able every Sunday. Attending Mass is extremely essential to your child's spiritual development. The Confirmation dates and schedule have been finalized and were sent to families earlier this week. **Below you will find the schedule** for our Confirmation Masses this year. More information about the expectations for the Mass will be sent out in the coming weeks. God Bless.

#### Wednesday, April 27

- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Jude
- Virtual
- Public/Private

#### Thursday, April 28

- St. André Bessette
- St. Josephine Bakhita

#### Friday, April 29

- St. Francis de Sales
- St. Patrick
- Other Catholic

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









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