

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"The Measure of Love, is Love without Measure" - Saint Francis de Sales 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 - THURSDAY9:00 amFRIDAY7:00 pmSATURDAY9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY SUNDAY 5:00 pm 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 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 - 12:30 pm

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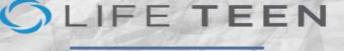
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www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org





Calling all students Gr 9 - 12

NEW!

Life Teen resumes January 22, VIRTUALLY! For more info, contact our Youth Minister

WHEN

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

TIME

7pm

COST FREE!

Register today on our parish website



Open to all students in Gr 6 - 8

WE'RE BACK FOR 2022 VIRTUALLY

2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

Starts at 7:30pm!

Registration Fee: \$30

Register today on our parish website

Questions? Contact Noah Aquino. Email: youth.sfdsagmail.com or (905)683-1403 X100



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 17 JANUARY

9:00 AM + ANGELITA VERA-CRUZ

TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY

9:00 AM + SANTHAMPILLAI M.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY

- 9:00 AM + ANNA & TERRENCE JOSEPH + CEDRIC SISOUO
- THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY 9:00 AM + NATALIO SUAZON

FRIDAY, 21 JANUARY 7:00 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 22 JANUARY

- 9:00 AM + ALFREDO CASTILLO + SAM KAISER + ALVIN LAJOIE 5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE KATSORAS FAMILY + WINSTON MITCHELL + CONRAD GROL
- SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY
- 8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR A 50TH ANNIVERSARY + LUALHATI B. GARCIA

+ EDWARD OUNJIAN

9:45AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH 11:00 AM S.I. BLESSINGS RECEIVED FOR DYLAN & JAMIE FERNANDES S.I. GRETTA CARDOZ + MARIA AND MANUEL CHAVES &

FAMILY

12:15 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR MICHEL MARTIL + IAN FERNANDEZ

Important Notice

Please note the church and parish office will be closed each day at 12:30 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

DCDSB Kindergarten Registration Opens January 11, 2022. Begin your child's journey at the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)! Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2022 to register for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten or 5 years of age by December 31, 2022 to register for Year 2/Senior Kindergarten.

Visit our NEW website: www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

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 5:00pm, 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.

Confessions will be held on Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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 <u>www.archtoronto.org</u>. 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 <u>development@archtoronto.org</u> 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayers for Christian Unity. Join Cardinal Collins and a widespread representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of the full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. We will pray at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church at 920 Progress Avenue, Scarborough, on Sunday, January 23 at 4pm. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream.

REFLECTION

On this third Epiphany when Mary helped to initiate Jesus' road to Calvary, at the wedding at Cana, consider the following:

THE ROBE OF CHRIST

by Joyce Kilmer

At the foot of the Cross on Calvary Three soldiers sat and diced And one of them was the devil And he won the Robe of Christ

I saw him through a thousand veils And has not this sufficed? Now, must I look on the devil robed In the radiant robe of Christ?

He comes, his face is sad and mild With thorns, his head is crowned There are great bleeding wounds in His Feet And in each hand a wound.

How can I tell, who am a fool If this be Christ or no? Those bleeding hands outstretched to me Those eye that love me so!

I see the robe- I Look, I hope I fear – but there is one Who will direct my troubled mind. Christ's Mother knows her Son.

O Mother of Good Counsel, lend Intelligence to me Encompass me with wisdom Thou Tower of Ivory!

"This is the man of lies," she says "Disguised with fearful art: He has the wounded hands and feet But not the wounded heart"

Beside the Cross on Calvary She watched them as they diced She saw the devil join the game And win the Robe of Christ.



The Saint Vincent de Paul society would like to thank all those who donated to Bundle Sunday last weekend. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2021

	GOAL	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$41,178
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$8,618
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$3,434
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,234,075

Thank you for your continued support!



FIRST CONFESSION/ COMMUNION

Happy New Year! We pray all of our families are well. With the new provincial restrictions, we are presently in discussions about how we can safely still prepare the children for their sacraments. We are hopeful that the children will still be able to receive their **First Reconciliation on February 26th.** We are looking into using the home based First Reconciliation program that we have used over the last couple of years of this pandemic. This program would be for the children attending our 6 Parish schools and all other groups. We will send out an email shortly with an update and possible book pick up dates. We pray that we will still be able to have some in person preparations once the children return to in person learning. We pray that all of our sacramental families are happy, healthy and safe.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation classes have begun. If you have not yet picked up your book, please email Noah immediately. Classes on Sundays are from 4 PM - 6 PM or on Mondays from 7 PM – 9 PM. A kind reminder that classes will be virtual and the link has been sent out. If you are healthy and able, please continue to attend Mass in person every weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Noah.



Life Teen will begin on Jan 22. It is now virtual until further notice. A link was emailed out to registered families. To register, please visit <u>sfdsyouth.wixsite.com/sfdsyouth.</u> For questions or concerns regarding Youth at the parish, please contact Noah Aquino. We hope you can join us!



