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### The Third Sunday of Lent

March 20th, 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

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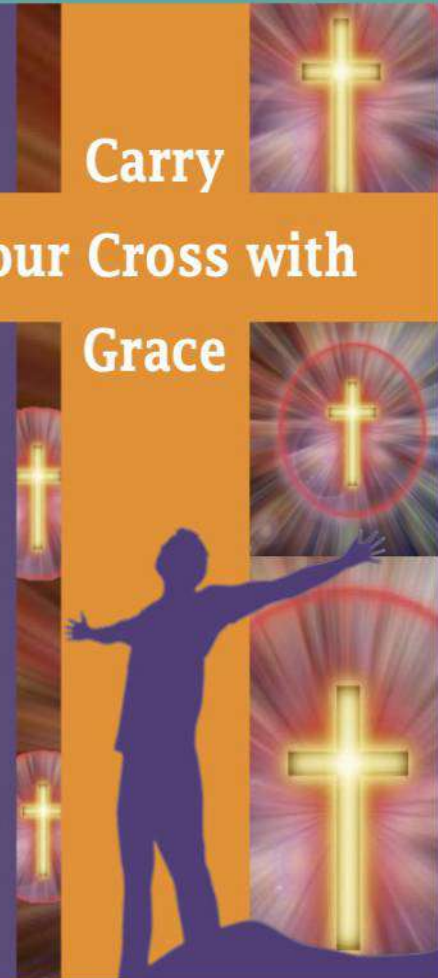


As God incarnate, Jesus knew you before your birth and died for you by name and for all those you call family, friend, stranger and enemy.



In His journey to the cross, Jesus suffered physical torture and grave indignity, yet He was full of love, forgiveness, and mercy. He healed the wounded soldier, consoled onlookers, forgave sin, and gave His mother Mary to us. Stripped of all possessions and human dignity He was full of Grace.

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 21 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR  
HENRIETTA, SARAH & NEIL CLEMENTS  
+ YIP WAI YING  
+ FRANCISCA SERRANO

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. KLEIA FAJARDO  
S.I. FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR  
HENRIETTA, SARAH & NEIL CLEMENTS  
S.I. FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. HEALING FOR GLORIA HUBERT  
MONTERO  
S.I. FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR  
HENRIETTA, SARAH & NEIL CLEMENTS  
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR  
HENRIETTA, SARAH & NEIL CLEMENTS  
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JOSEPH  
+ FALECIANO DACUYA

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH

7:00 PM S.I. FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR  
HENRIETTA, SARAH & NEIL CLEMENTS  
+ DARWIN BONDAD  
+ ERMELINDA MONIZ

SATURDAY, 26 MARCH

9:00 AM + VERNON FERNANDES  
+ COREZON GANZON  
+ OSCAR GANZON  
5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER  
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ  
+ GREGORY COUTINHO

SUNDAY, 27 MARCH

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
10:15 AM + PAMELLA MICHAEL  
+ JOSE DAGUMAN  
+ IVAN GOVEAS  
12:00 PM S.I. BERTRAND CALLISTE & FAMILY  
+ ABELARDO DEMETILLO  
+ NORBERTA INGRO  
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### LENTEN CONFESSION NIGHT



On Tuesday 5 April, St Francis de Sales will have its annual Lenten Confession Evening from 7 – 10PM. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity as it will be your last chance before the celebration of Holy Week.

# ShareLife

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.

# LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

### 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

### ALTAR SERVERS

We will have a general training day for all new and returning altar servers on Saturday 26 March at 10:30 a.m. To confirm your attendance, or to ask any questions, kindly send an email to Kelly at [altarservers.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:altarservers.sfds@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing everyone at our training day!



### 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](http://www.archtoronto.org)
2. By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
3. 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.

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



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## REFLECTION

This week we look at the fourth phrase of Jesus from the Cross: **“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”** with the help of the late Bishop Fulton Sheen. This fourth phrase symbolizes the sufferings of man abandoned by God.

Just as the sun’s light can be withdrawn from us by the intervening clouds, though the sun remains in the sky, so there was a kind of withdrawal of His Father’s face in the terrible moment in which Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world. The pain and desolation Jesus suffered for each of us, that we might know what a terrible think it is for human nature to be without God, to be deprived of a divine remedy and consolation. It was atonement for all who have had faith and lost it; for all who once were saints and now are sinners. It was atonement for those who deny the presence of God; for all those Christians who abandon all effort when they cannot feel God near them; for all who identify being good with feeling good; for all skeptics, who asked, “Why has God commanded you?” It was reparation for all the haunting questions of a doubting world: “Why is there evil?” “Why does God no answer my prayers?” “Why did God take away my loved on?” It was a supreme act of atonement for 3 classes of people: those who abandon God; those who doubt the presence of God; and those who are indifferent to God.

This fourth phrase of Jesus from the Cross in the consecration of the Mass of Calvary. The first 3 phrases were spoken to humans but the last four are spoken to God. This fourth phrase was the cry of atonement for sin. Sin is the abandonment of God by man; it is the creature forsaking the Creator. Sin is a separation, a divorce, the original divorce from unity with God, whence all other divorces are derived. Since Jesus came on earth to redeem us from sin, it was fitting He feel that abandonment, that separation, that divorce. Jesus felt it first internally in His soul. There was no sin in His soul, but since He willed to fell the effect of sin, an awful sense of isolation and loneliness crept over Him, the loneliness of being without God.

In order to reveal the intensity of that separation, Jesus revealed it by an external sign. Because man had separated himself from God, Jesus, in atonement, permitted His Blood to be separated from His Body. Sin had entered into the blood of man; and as if the sins of the world were upon Jesus, He drains the chalice of His Body of His Sacred Blood. We can almost hear Jesus say: “Father, This is My Body; this is My Blood. They are being separated from one another as humanity has been separated from you. This is the consecration of My Mass.”

Sheen, Fulton J. “My God, My God, Why have you Forsaken Me.” *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross. An Anthology.* Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2018, pp. 164-224.



## 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 this week due to the March break (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

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