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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 - THURSDAY 9:00 am  
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm  
 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 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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# Celebrating our Patron Saint's Feast Day

St. Francis de Sales: Patron Saint of Writers, Authors, Journalists, and the Catholic Press

**St. Francis de Sales** spread the Good News by writing messages to people - his writings converted hearts. The quilled pen is a symbol of his devoted service to God's people.

"Perfection does not lie in avoiding the world, but in not clinging to it."

(LW VI 52)

"Heaven and earth are not distant enough to separate the hearts which our Lord has joined."  
(LR II 18)

"We must do all by love, and nothing by force."  
(LW III 11)

"Even if temptation to any sin should last all our life, it cannot make us displeasing to God as long as we do not take pleasure in it and do not yield to it." (In 4 3)

"...Charity is a spiritual fire; when it is embraced it is called 'devotion.'"  
(In 1 1)

"The business of finding fault is very easy; the business of doing better, very difficult."  
(LR III 1)

## HOW DO YOU share the Good News of God and convert hearts?

Quotes by St. Francis de Sales

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 24 JANUARY

9:00 AM + JEYARANI JOHNPILLAI  
+ SANTA TACCONE

TUESDAY, 25 JANUARY

9:00 AM + PURIFICACION CAPILI  
+ DAVID FERDINAND

WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY

9:00 AM + RIO, PETTY & MILLIE BARRETTO  
+ VERNON FERNANDES  
+ ISABELLE KAISER

THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY

9:00 AM + JADE DECASTRO  
+ JOSEPH CLEMENTS

FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY

7:00 PM + CHRISTIAN BENJAMIN PADUA  
+ BENEDICTA CASTELINO

SATURDAY, 29 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS  
RECEIVED  
+ JAIME VILLAMATER  
5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER  
+ MARIA & MANUEL CHAVES & FAMILY  
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

SUNDAY, 30 JANUARY

8:30 AM AVAILABLE

9:45AM S.I. SUZANNE & MICHAEL BOSS &  
FAMILY  
S.I. PAULINA CABRAL

11:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
12:15 PM AVAILABLE

### 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 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.

**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 [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.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on **Sunday, February 13, 2022**, at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St, Toronto** at **2:30 p.m.** **Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB** will preside over this special Mass and all married couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend. Space is limited, for more information please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriagesunday/>



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

### VOCATIONS

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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## REFLECTION

Pope Benedict XVI called St. Francis de Sales, (1567 – 1622, “a great teacher” whose influence has been “immense”; Blessed Paul VI named him the “Jewel of Savoy,” who helped lay the foundation for Vatican II’s call to universal holiness; and Pope Pius XI wrote an encyclical celebrating his life and work.

Here are 5 things to know about St. Francis de Sales:

### **St. Francis de Sales had no fear.**

Once ordained, Francis became an exceptional evangelist. He was banned from preaching and escaped numerous assassination attempts. He out-maneuvered his enemies by writing countless tracts, answering his opponents with his lawyerly brilliance and distributing the tracts everywhere he ventured. (This is one of the many reasons he became the patron saint of writers.) By one estimate, he brought back 70,000 former Catholics to the Church.

### **He was not an Escapist.**

A signature of Francis’s theology was his belief, that holiness was meant for everyone—not just a privileged few. He took the teachings of Christ— “Be ye therefore perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect”—and St Paul— “This is the will of God, your sanctification”—as universal commands. He was not impressed by those who thought they could attain a higher degree of sanctity by withdrawing from the dominant culture, inside a supposedly protected enclave: “The hard work of living a Christian life, he taught, comes from within, and not from living in an artificially created Christian town or community.”

### **He was not a defeatist.**

Because of his confidence in God, Francis never gave up a vital Christian mission, no matter the obstacles. Among his maxims were: “Perseverance is the most desirable gift we can hope for in this life”; and “Enlarge your heart by a frequent protestation that you will never give in.”

### **He was not an angry polemicist.**

As Pius XI indicated, the gentleness and humility of Francis in the face of provocation was legendary, and for this reason many called him “the Gentleman Saint.” He famously said, “The measure of love is to love without measure.” Though he warned against false compassion— so prevalent in our own day—and “did not strip piety of that severity which is in harmony with the Christian manner of life.” And finally: “Since the goodness of God is so great that one single moment suffices to obtain and receive his grace, what assurance can we have that a man who was a sinner yesterday is so today?” He kept his mind on the eternal, and lived every day for it.



## FIRST CONFESSION/ COMMUNION

We pray that all of our families are well. With the uncertainties of COVID-19, we have decided to move to a home based First Reconciliation Preparation program for now, for all of our school groups. **This will allow the children to continue to prepare for their sacraments at home, with hopes that we will still be able to celebrate their First Reconciliation on February 26<sup>th</sup>.** This is the same program that we have used over the last 2 years of the pandemic. **If you have not picked up your child’s First Reconciliation book yet, please contact Mrs. Selda as soon as possible to arrange a pick-up date.** Please begin to work on these books at home with your children and Father and I will send out little videos to complement what they are learning at home. **These books are to be completed and brought with your child on their First Reconciliation Day.** We pray that we will still be able to have some in person preparations once the children get adjusted to in person learning again. We look forward to seeing all the children soon and pray that they all have a happy, healthy and safe return to school! God Bless.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation classes have begun. If you have not yet picked up your book, please email Noah immediately. Classes on Sunday are from 4 PM - 6 PM or on Monday 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.

### *Reflection cont’d...*

If there is one subject that consumed Francis daily, and a message he fervently spread, it was eternity. In his view, a happy and long life was an infinite tragedy, if it did not end in the arms of God. He was blunt about the rewards of this world, compared to those of Heaven: “Whoever thinks well on eternity troubles himself little about what happens in these three or four moments of mortal life.” “The shortest life is the best life if it leads to the eternal.” And, “What is not for eternity, can be nothing but vanity.”

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