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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 | 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 - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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 is Love without Measure"*  
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# Share the Joy of Christmas

Please help make the *Joy of Christmas* shine bright.

**St. Vincent de Paul** invites parishioners to help neighbours living within our parish boundaries. Last year 79 families were assisted through our parish's generous support. This Christmas - with your help - we can bring the light of God's love to those in need.

**Please make a donation on NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> to our Christmas Appeal**

**Monetary Donations can be placed in SVDP Christmas Collection Envelopes:**

- ❖ Parishioners with numbered offertory envelopes, please use the **Green SVDP Christmas Collection envelope** dated November 20.
- ❖ All other parishioners, please use the **Yellow SVDP Christmas Collection envelopes** located in church pews and by Baptism Font. Donors can also use plain envelopes labelling them, "SVDP - Christmas Collection". All envelopes should include donor information.

**Gift Card Donations:**

- ❖ Gift cards from local stores, including dollar stores, Walmart, grocery stores, issued in any denomination, are gratefully accepted. **PLEASE INDICATE AMOUNT GIVEN ON CARDS**
- ❖ Gift cards can be placed in one of the St. Vincent de Paul boxes by church entrance.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER**

9:00 AM + JOSEPH & JOAN LOVERY  
 + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LOVERY FAMILY  
 + MARIA FIGUEIREDO

**TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER**

9:00 AM + SRIMATHI DIAS  
 + VICTOR, LYLE & ROSLYN PHILLIP  
 + JAIME SANTOS

**WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER**

9:00 AM S.I. DARLENE MANGAN  
 + JADE DECASTRO  
 + SELVAM DE CROOS

**THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER – St. Leo the Great**

9:00 AM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAMS FAMILY  
 + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE D’BRASS FAMILY  
 + PERLA LIM

**FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER – St Martin of Tours**

9:00 AM + JIM STRIKWERDA  
 + INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHEO

**SATURDAY, 12 NOVEMBER – St Josaphat**

9:00 AM + MARIA RODRIGUES

**5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR DAVE RAMDEO**

+ CAJETAN FERNANDES  
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**SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER**

8:30 AM S.I. CHRIS COOK  
 S.I. MAUREEN & MIKE VITELLI  
 + MARGARET VITELLI

10:15 AM + MANUEL & MARIA AMARAL  
 + THERESITA BUGAYONG  
 + NICOLA & ANNA LONGO

12:00 PM + MARCUS DANTAS  
 + PIH CATRE  
 + MEL ESTOQUE

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

**A CATHOLIC CACKLE**

Need a little laughter to brighten your day?  
 Try out this joke.

**What do you call a deacon, a priest, and a bishop asking for food at a restaurant?**

- Holy Orders!



**ROOF REPAIRS – BUILDING FUND**

The flat part of our Church roof is in need of great repair. This includes also parts of the Church’s ceilings. The estimated time during which this will be done to our parish, could happen sometime during this fall or next spring. The Building Fund has been currently going towards bringing down the mortgage. As of November 1, 2022 through to June 30, 2023, the Building Fund will go towards the repair of our flat roof. Your donations to the Building Fund are greatly appreciated.

**THE SHEPHERD’S TRUST COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection on 12/13 November for The Shepherds’ Trust. The mission of The Shepherds’ Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work. For more information about The Shepherds’ Trust please go to: [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org)

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

In order to cut down on costs and eliminate waste of envelope boxes being discarded that have numbers not assigned, we will be re-assigning envelope numbers for 2023. This will cut the number of boxes being purchased by over 400.

New numbers will be assigned by alphabetical order to all parishioners who currently have Offertory envelopes. Please be sure to pick up the Offertory envelope box that has your name and new number. Offertory envelopes will be ready for pickup 26/27 November.

We thank you for your support in this matter.



Special envelopes for the deceased are available by the baptismal font. These envelopes are to be deposited with a donation and the name of your deceased loved ones in the offertory box in front of the pulpit. The deceased will be remembered throughout the month of November.

**FR. MASSIMO’S INSTALLATION**

Fr. Massimo’s installation as Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish will take place on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at 11:30 AM**. The parish is located at 72 Mansfield Ave. Toronto, M6J 2B2.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**My wife and I have used IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) to achieve pregnancy. What does the Church have to say about IVF?**

If the use of contraception is about unity between the couple with no procreative side, then the use of IVF seeks procreation without the unitive. We know the Church has always insisted that the sexual act be potentially procreative (that is without any barrier) but what many people forget is that the same Church teaches that the same sexual act must be unitive. In other words, both the unitive and the procreative sides are of equal value which we cannot dissect at will. Both the unitive and procreative sides were inscribed into the sexual act by our Creator. The sexual act is a faint echo of the life-giving and unitive-dimension aspects within the Trinitarian God we worship.

IVF is the process of removing ova and sperm from their parents and combining them *in vitro* (“in glass”) in a laboratory. The resulting embryo is then implanted in the womb of either the mother or a surrogate. IVF may be used in conjunction with other reproductive technologies such as pre-implantation testing and it often relies on donated ova and sperm.

IVF has a more destructive impact on the unborn child than abortion. In fertility clinics, both sperm and ova are frozen for future use. Some “leftover” embryos are frozen, donated for research or discarded. If the mother ends up with a multiple pregnancy, she may choose a “fetal reduction.” In other words, to bring one child to life normally involves sacrificing other embryos.

Some may think that if a couple only fertilizes one ovum that IVF is acceptable. As stated above, we cannot dissect for the sexual act always has a double meaning. As with abortion, IVF not only threatens the lives of the unborn, it disrespects them. IVF and its related technologies treat children not as people but as the objects of manufacture. At every step of the process of IVF, embryos are processed and graded with the goal of quality control. Embryos that do not made the grade on this human assembly line can easily be discarded.

There are many couples who find themselves unable to achieve pregnancy. There are also individuals who are not married but would like to have children who are using IVF.

**The Church accepts children conceived by means of IVF. What the Church condemns is, not the pregnancy, but the MEANS to pregnancy.**

There is a lot of money that goes into the manufacture of babies. And there are certain things that should not be for sale or rent like, ova, sperm and wombs. The use of IVF needs to be confessed.



**Registration is now closed for the 2022/2023 Sacramental Year!**

It has been so nice to see the children attending Mass each week as they prepare for their very special sacraments. Please note that the enrollment weekend (this is when the children will receive their blessed crosses) will take place the weekend of **November 19/20<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation** and **November 26/27<sup>th</sup> for First Communion**. Please attend the Mass time that works best for your family. An email will be sent to all of our sacramental families regarding the sacramental preparation classes in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to another beautiful sacramental year!

God Bless, Dawn Selda & Noah Aquino!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE



Our Knights of Columbus are organizing a **Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive** to benefit the local food banks in Durham Region. Food collection begins 5/6 November weekend and will run for 2 weeks. Please leave the donated items in the bins located in the foyer. **Every donation of food helps!**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Please join us at our next general meeting on Wed. 9 November beginning with mass at 7 pm and followed by a speaker from Development and Peace. All are welcome!

### *Question & Answer Cont'd...*

**So, what is a couple to do if they're infertile? Does the Church not care for them?**

The Church has no objection in medical science **assisting (not replacing)** the unitive dimension in achieving pregnancy. The Catholic Church has taught from the onset that fertility medicine must assist the natural process, where conception takes place in the marital embrace (between husband and wife) and the baby comes to term in the mother's womb. This includes fertility medication, and more importantly that the unitive dimension of sexuality is respected. This means that once a married couple has sexually united, conception is “helped” by medical science in uniting sperm and ova within the woman.



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