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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022



*Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom.
 We ask you to bless and console them together with their families.
 Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving
 their loved ones to face the horrors of war.
 May we never forget their generosity.
 May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its
 forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and
 action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we
 might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today.*

— www.dcdsb.ca / RememberanceDayPrayer

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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“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.”

Matthew 5:9

We call them friends because in the name of peace and human dignity they have loved us more than themselves.

PLEASE PRAY for a time when people are no longer called to serve in wars and conflicts.

PRAY for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that all people and nations can learn to live in peace.

PRAY to always remember that it is God's children and our brothers and sisters who lay down their lives for us.

PRAY for the souls of those who have fallen.

PRAY for the men and women who serve us now and for those who live, but suffer, from physical, mental, emotional or spiritual wounds of war.



The situation in Ukraine shows us how fragile world peace can be. Those in Ukraine are fighting not just for themselves, but for a stable world order. Please pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters and pause to reflect on what it would mean for us if they do not prevail.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

**9:00 AM S.I. FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED
+ ALICE ALEMEO
+ CRESCENCIA M. CARVALHO**

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER *St Albert the Great*

**9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAVOURS
RECEIVED
+ EVELYN GILCHRIST
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY**

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER *Sts Margaret & Gertrude*

**9:00 AM + SABINA & ROBERT RAJASINGHAM
+ GNANASEELI MANUELPIILLAI
+ JIJI JOY & ROSAMMA ABRAHAM**

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER – *St Elizabeth of Hungry*

**9:00 AM + CUTHBERT PHILLIPS
+ NORMA MANAL ROZAL
+ DRIDA VERONICA SANKAR**

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER – *St Martin of Tours*

**7:00 PM S.I. SANDRA STRIKWERDA
+ NATALE & ELIZABETH RENDA**

SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER – *St Josaphat*

**9:00 AM S.I. VAL ST. LOUIS
+ LOURDES GUEVARR
+ JUANITO SANPEDRO**

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

**8:30 AM S.I. KAREN O'CONNOR
+ BASIL MARECHEAU
+ ESTRELLA FRANCIA**

**10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR DANIELLE & JO-
ANN FERNANDES
+ JACINTA BINALLA
+ LILIA FEUDO**

**12:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ MR & MRS PETER JOSEPHINE
+ MARCELINO JUMANQIT**

**7:00 PM + GIUSEPPE & JOSEPHINE PICCIONE
+ MICHELLE GOMES**

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.



We thank-you today on behalf of all retired priests for giving to the Shepherds Trust. If you are unable to give today, you may place your donation in any collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: 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.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS

OUTREACH

We invite you to become part of our Christmas Outreach by helping families living within our parish boundaries. Each year with the help of your generous donations we are able to help make Christmas special for our Neighbours in Need.

We will be helping our Neighbours in Need with gift cards which will enable families to do their own shopping. If you are able to donate, please place your gift cards in one of the two St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes on the wall at the church entrance. Gift cards in any denomination from our local grocery stores, dollar stores or Walmart will be helpful. We will make sure that every family has a card for groceries and cards to purchase toys, clothes and diapers for their children. There will also be a special Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection on the weekend of November 20. Envelopes can be found in your personal donation box or grey envelopes by the poor box or you can use any envelope and mark it to SVDP.

We kindly ask that you make your donation by November 20th. This will enable us to sort things out and get the gift cards to the families in plenty of time for them to do their Christmas shopping. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity throughout the year. God bless you & keep you safe.

All Souls Day



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.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is Purgatory? Part 1

Purgatory is often misunderstood and misinterpreted. In order to understand our role in praying for the dead, and to gain a greater glimpse of the glory of God’s love for us then we must be able to understand purgatory.

We must understand purgatory is not an actual place, contrary to what many believe. Purgatory is a state of being, not a physical location.

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: ‘Therefore (Judas Maccabeus) made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.’ From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.” (CCC 1030-1032)

<https://www.catholic365.com/article/24266/what-is-purgatory.html> by Amelia Monroe Carlson

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

Need an ark to save two of every animal?

- I No-ah guy!



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2022

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$53,507
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$853
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,789
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,072,493
SHARELIFE	\$69,000	\$63,954

Thank you for your continued support!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During the weekend of November 26/27, the children registered for First Reconciliation/First Communion will receive their blessed crosses after the homily. This will take place at all the weekend mass times. Please come to the Mass time that works best for your family.

An email has been sent to all the families with children attending Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools, children in grades 3-6 and children in need of Baptism. This email is regarding First Reconciliation/First Communion preparation classes which are beginning at the end of November. If you did not receive this email and your child is part of one of these school groups, please contact Dawn Selda. Mrs. Selda will be preparing the children in grade 2 in our 6 parish schools in class starting in January. We are looking forward to getting to know the children and beginning this beautiful sacramental journey together.

CONFIRMATION

All families registered for Confirmation will be receiving an email from Noah this week regarding the next steps for Confirmation. If you did not receive an email, this means you are not registered for Confirmation this year and we look forward to welcoming you next year. This is also a kind reminder, that **next weekend, November 19/20) is the enrollment Mass** for our registered Confirmation candidates. These students will be receiving their Confirmation crosses. Also, please ensure that your children do not walk to the passport stamping table **until Father has exited through the brown doors.** The Confirmation catechists and I look forward to being on this spiritual journey with you and your family. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Confirmation Coordinator, Noah Aquino. God Bless!



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