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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18th 2022



*God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
 be the peace that dwells between us.
 God of hope, be with us in our meeting and in our
 travelling together, be with us in our worship and
 our praying together, be with us in our Advent
 journey to the stable and beyond.
 — Amen*

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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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4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

The Prince of Peace is Coming



*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 9:00 p.m.
- 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m. (noon)



New Year's Mass Eve

- Saturday, December 31, 2022
- 5 p.m.

New Year's Mass

- Sunday, January 1, 2023
- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m.

Advent Confession Night

Tuesday, December, 20: 7pm

This Annual Advent Confession Night is the last major opportunity to partake in this sacrament before the celebration of Christmas. Many priests will be available for confession.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. NEIL & SHERYL GONSALEZ
+ EDUARDO AQUINO
+ ALFRED SINGH

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + RAJ & SURESH FERNANDO
+ OLIVIA & MIRIAM FERNANDO
+ MARIA CONCEPCION MANDUJANO

WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS
+ ALFRED SINGH

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. EMMANUEL BURAGA
+ MARGARET WALSH

FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED FOR ELDA & ELMA MARTINEZ
AND FAMILY
+ MARIA SELVAM

SATURDAY, 24 DECEMBER *Christmas Eve*

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

NO CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM S.I. FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED

+ BARBARA CANNATA
+ CLEMENT & BAROBA FAMILIES

6:00 PM + RICHARD, DARIS & MARILYN MCKEE

+ EDMUND & THERESA FIC
+ CHRISTIAN REVENTAR

9:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

+ PATRICIA & KAZIMIR TVRDON

11:30 PM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE D'CRUZE &

RODRIGUES FAMILIES
+ EDITH & EDWIN FERNANDES

SUNDAY, 25 DECEMBER *Christmas Day*

10:00 AM + NATIVIDAD CARPIO

+ HONY & ARMINDA FERNANDES
+ JADE DE CASTRO

12:00 PM S.I. NATIVIDAD & PATSY REVEREDO

+ JAMES & SHEILA BAPTISTE
+ LILIAN SUE WONG & NELLIE CORRIEA

7:00 PM **NO MASS**

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT



St Francis de Sales will have its annual Advent Confession Night Tuesday 20 December from 7-10 pm. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas. There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday 24 December.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24

4 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31st at: 5 p.m.

Sunday January 1st at: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP



We are looking for volunteers to assist our priests and deacon with Baptism. Baptisms occur two Sundays a month. If you would like to assist with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.

ADVENT CANDLES



Each candle of our Advent Wreath has a meaning. The 1st purple candle symbolizes Hope. The 2nd purple candle is for Faith. The 3rd candle, rose in colour, is for Joy. The 4th purple candle is for Peace.

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

- *It's Christmas, Eve!*



A MESSAGE FROM THE CWL

The CWL would like to Thank the St. Francis de Sales office staff, seniors, Johnathan, parishioners and volunteers who participated in making the seniors' Christmas Luncheon a success. The seniors' luncheon will continue every 3rd Wednesday monthly, starting January 18, 2023.



Please note, Mass on Friday December 23rd will be at 9am. The parish office will also be closed from December 26 to January 4 for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open on January 5. See you in the new year!

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer and blessing. In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. **R/.** Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, [Titus 3:4](#) (lines 4-7) or [Ezekiel 17:22](#) (lines 22-24; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world,

let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: The Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ,



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We hope you and your children are enjoying this beautiful Advent Season and that you are finding wonderful ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus! Please remember if you are visiting another Parish during the Christmas Season, to pick up a bulletin so that we can add a stamp to your child's passport the following week. Please also remember to add February 25th to your calendar for your child's sacrament of First Reconciliation. (See the back of the passport for the time for your child's school) We look forward to the grade 2 class visits in our 6 parish schools beginning in January. We are looking forward to seeing the children at Mass during this special time of the year.

God Bless!

CONFIRMATION

The first passport review is now complete. If you did not submit your passport for review, kindly contact Noah to arrange a time to drop it off at the parish office. **The email containing which class day is assigned to your child and the schedule for Confirmation has been sent out.** If you did not receive an email, please email Noah immediately. Attending the Advent Confession is mandatory for all Confirmandi Candidates and is strongly encouraged for parents to also participate. Should you have any questions please contact Noah Aquino.

God Bless!

Continued...

your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/.** Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. **R/.** Amen.



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



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