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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 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

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

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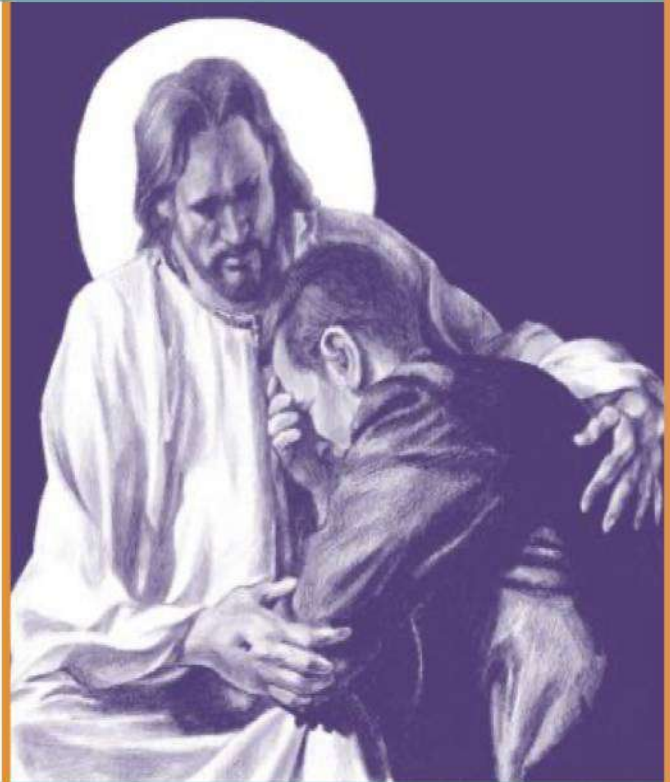
Sit in silence, detach from worldly concerns, and invite the Holy Spirit to be with you. Ask God the Father to guide you, surrender to His love, listen to His Word, and pray for discernment. Reflect on how you have imitated Christ and when you have failed to do so. Know that Christ is within all people and reflect on how you have responded to them and their needs for it is said, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' Mt. - 25:46

Be ready to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

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April 5, 2022

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 28 MARCH

9:00 AM + MARGARET VITELLI
+ YIP WAI YING
+ MARIYANAYAGAM

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR
HENRIETTA, SARAH & NIEL CLEMENTS
+ VERNON FERNANDES
+ REMIGIO ANGELES JINGCO

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. GOOD NEWS & HEALING FOR KEITH
BURTLES
S.I. ALLAN DINGLASAN
+ ED INFANTE

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. JULIET LOWING
S.I. MARITES DELARAMA
+ BALBIO PAULINO LASET

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL

7:00 PM + FR PHILIP CHAO
+ IRINEO MONZON

SATURDAY, 2 APRIL

9:00 AM + XAVIER RODRIGUES

5:00 PM S.I. CECIL WOLFE
+ GLENYS WRIGHT
+ ALEX ESPINHEIRO

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL

8:30 AM + JOHANA KERSTENS
+ LORRAINE KERSTENS

10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:00 PM + JOHN CHOU
+ NAPOLEON MENEZ SR.

7:00 PM + CORINE & FELIX BLANCO

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.

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



SL ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. Last year we raised **\$67,000** which was **79%** of our total goal. The 2022 suggested parish campaign goal for our parish is **\$69,000**. Our next ShareLife collection date is April 30/May 1 weekend.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Nicholas Daunt is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on June 18, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

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
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.

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Are you interested in helping the poor in our local community? We are a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through our neighbours in need with love, respect, justice and joy.

We are committed to turning concern into action. We are in need of adults who are able to drive and are willing to make home visits. If you are interested you may call the church office at 905-683-1403 Extension 107 and leave a message. A Vincentian will return your call.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Hope to hear from you soon.

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

REFLECTION

This week we look at the fifth phrase of Jesus from the Cross: “**I thirst**” with the help of the late Bishop Fulton Sheen. If the fourth phrase from the Cross symbolizes man being abandoned by God, this fifth phrase symbolizes God being abandoned by man.

He who made humanity, now asks man, a piece of God’s handiwork, to help Him. Jesus asks man for a drink! Not a drink of earthly water, but a drink of love. “I thirst” for love. Love, first of all means to give and God has given His power to nothingness. His light to darkness, His order to chaos, and this is creation. Love means to tell secrets to the one loved, and God has told us in the Scriptures the secrets of His nature and His high hopes for fallen humanity, and this is revelation. If love is reciprocal, then certainly Jesus has a right to our love.

In this fifth phrase, Jesus reaches the communion of His Mass from the Cross. It was another kind of thirst which tortured Jesus. He was thirsty for the souls and hearts of men and women. Love means to become one with the one loved, not only in the unity of the flesh but also in the unity of spirit, and God has so loved us as to institute the Eucharist, that we may abide in Him and He in us. Communion implies not only receiving Divine Life; it means also giving God human life. All love is reciprocal. There is no one-sided love, for love by its nature demands mutuality.

Are we to drain the chalice and contribute nothing to its filling? Are we to receive the Bread of Life without giving wheat to be ground, to receive that consecrated wine and give no grapes to be crushed? If all we did during our lives was to go to Communion to receive Divine Life, to take it away and leave nothing behind, we would be parasites on the Mystical Body of Christ. St. Paul bids us to fill up in our body the sufferings wanting in the Passion of Christ. We must therefore bring a spirit of sacrifice to the Eucharistic table; we must bring the mortification of our lower self, the crosses patiently borne, the crucifixion of our egotism and the death of our concupiscence. Communion is the consequence of Calvary, namely, we live by what we slay. All nature witnesses to this truth; our bodies live by the slaying of the beasts of the fields and the plants in the gardens. We draw life from their crucifixion. We slay them not to destroy, but to fulfill, we immolate them for the sake of communion. In a paradoxical way of Divine Love, Christ willed to give us the very Life we slew, to give us the very Food we destroyed.

Sheen, Fulton J. “I thirst.” *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross. An Anthology.* Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2018, pp. 225-282.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are looking forward to our First Communion preparation class visits in our 6 parish schools beginning in April. 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. Please see below for the Rehearsal and First Communion dates.

School	Rehearsal	First Communion
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Thursday May 12 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 14 th at 10:00am
St. André Bessette	Thursday May 12 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 14 th at 10:00am
St Patrick	Thursday May 12 th at 7:30pm	Saturday May 14 th at 1:00pm
St Francis de Sales	Thursday May 26 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 th at 10:00am
Virtual School	Thursday May 26 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 th at 10:00am
St. Jude	Thursday May 26 th at 7:30pm	Saturday May 28 th at 1:00pm
St Catherine of Siena	Thursday June 2 nd at 6:30pm	Saturday June 4 th at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Thursday June 2 nd at 7:30pm	Saturday June 4 th at 1:00pm

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes resume this Sunday and Monday (Mar 27/28). Please login 10 minutes early to ensure we start on time. The Confirmation schedule can be seen on the second page of the bulletin. **A kind reminder, confirmandi are expected to attend the Reconciliation night.** We encourage all families to be attending Mass in person if healthy and able. Attending Mass is extremely essential to your child’s spiritual development. God Bless.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in need of extraordinary ministers to distribute Holy Communion during Sunday Mass. If you feel the calling to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Fr Joe or Fr David for more information.

Ministers of Hospitality

We are in need of ministers of hospitality to greet and assist parishioners with practical details so that the Sunday Mass can be celebrated with ease and grace. If this is something you would like to do to help fellow parishioners please contact Fr Joe, Fr David or Beryl Lowe.

St. Francis de Sales Parish			
Statement of Operations			
(\$)	2021	2020	Variance
REVENUE			
Church Receipts			
Sunday Offering	428,802	404,164	24,637.84
Easter & Christmas and other collections	30,054	20,549	9,505.05
Baptisms, Marriages ,Funerals, Mass Offerings	39,420	32,301	7,118.75
Total Church Receipts (Note 1)	498,276	457,014	41,261.64
Other Parish Programs	45,051	36,721	8,330.00
Other Donations	2,617	1,496	1,121.14
Federal Wage Subsidy (Note 2)	61,612	100,517	(38,904.92)
Sundry Receipts	64,175	78,534	(14,359.00)
Mortgage	59,782	83,172	(23,390.25)
Building Fund	33,823	36,117	(2,294.50)
Family of Faith Parish Share Received (Notes 3)	28,655		28,655.00
Family of Faith Parish Subsidies Receipts (4)	6,375	12,500	(6,125.00)
Family of Faith Parish Fund Redeemed (Note 3)	14,328	-	14,327.66
Special Collection Receipts	49,820	37,613	12,206.65
Total Receipts for the Period	864,513	843,684	20,828.42
EXPENDITURE			
Church Payments			
Salaries & Benefits	317,461	347,023	(29,562)
Church Operational	169,743	194,322	(24,579)
Total Church Payments (Note 5)	487,204	541,345	(54,141)
Rectory expenses	25,947	25,448	499
Assessment Payments Note 6)	80,315	42,653	37,662
Other Parish Programs	10,839	14,768	(3,929)
Sundry Expenses	18,364	19,938	(1,574)
Furniture & Equipment	1,783	7,646	(5,863)
Special Collection Payments	49,820	37,613	12,206
Family of Faith Investment purchased	29,520	534	28,985
Mortgage Interest Payments	1,696	2,869	(1,173)
Mortgage Principal Payment (Notes 7)	125,045	160,203	(35,158)
Total Payments for the Period	830,532	853,017	(22,485)
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	33,981	(9,332)	2,243,407
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OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF MORTGAGE LOAN	2,234,075	2,359,120	(125,045)

Notes:

Note 1

Increase in amount received due to Church reopening and increase occupancy resulted from Ontario lifted Covid-19 restriction.

Note 2

Through the Archdiocese the Federal Government Wage Subsidy was received.

The percentage of Subsidy was reduced in 2021 and 3 months payable at year end (approximately \$12,000) will be received in 2022.

Note 3

Allocation received in 2021, none in 2020). Required by Archdiocese 50% of allocation must be applied against Mortgage Loans.

Balance of Family of Faith Investments held as of Dec. 31, 2021, \$46,162.

Note 4

Subsidies were received for a portion of the Youth Minister's salary.

Note 5

Reduction in Operational Expenses since these expenses were discretionary.

Salary decrease was a result of staffing changes and discretionary reduction of Operational Expenses.

Note 6

Archdiocese has removed our favourable rate of our Parishes Assessment on our Church Revenues. (5% to 15%)

Note 7

Mortgage Offertory and other funds, such as Building Offertory, and Bulletin Revenue were used in prior years to pay down the Mortgage. A decrease in receipts due to Covid 19 resulted in less funds for this in 2021



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