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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

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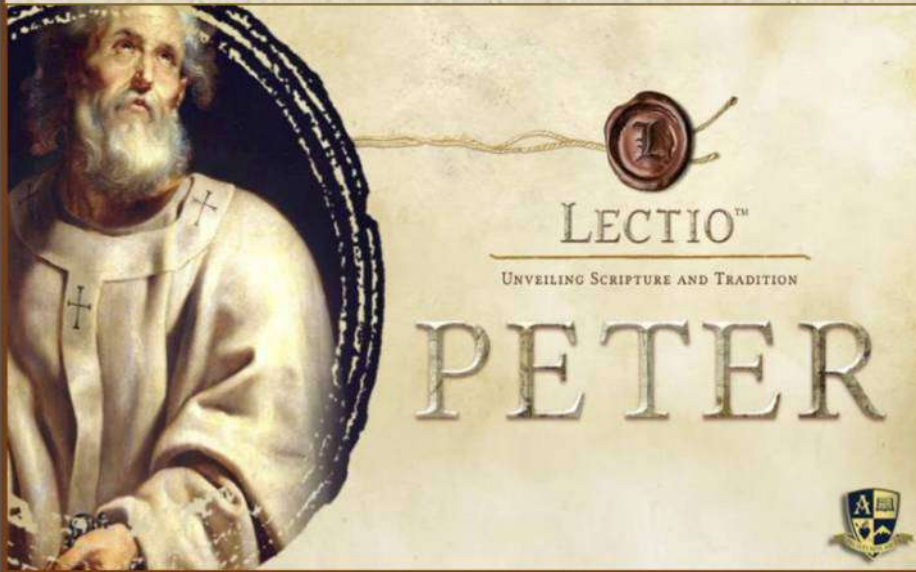
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 31 JANUARY

9:00 AM + EDITH TOLENTINO
+ LUCIA PIPPO
+ SWARNA PERERA

TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + TOMMASO FRAGASSI
+ PAULA MARECHEAU FARRAY

WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR A 25TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
+ UNA & EDWARD MARECHEAU

THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. MERICI BROWN

FRIDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM + RUBY JAMES

SATURDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + PHILOMENA ANDREWS
+ PREXCET ANTHONIPILLAI
+ JOSE de MELO BOTELHO

5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER
+ THELMA RODRIGUES
+ SANTANA DIAS

SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING

9:45AM S.I. JULIA AND KILE BLANCHARD &
FAMILY
S.I. DAVID & NANCY MCEACHNIE

11:00 AM + NIDIA BALDOVINO
+ BENEDICTA CASTELINO

12:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



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

CWL GIFT SHOP

The CWL Gift shop is open on Saturday from 4pm to 5pm and on Sunday before and after the 11am Mass. Please stop by and browse the various religious items for sale.

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



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www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

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. 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 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/>

REFLECTION

I've noticed that the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs (pgs. 52-71 in the Sunday Missalettes) use mostly the same words. Why? For example, all four Various Needs Eucharistic Prayers begin with: "You are indeed Holy and to be glorified...who always walk with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your Son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread."

The above part of the Eucharistic prayer refers to St. Luke's gospel, "The Walk to Emmaus" (24:13-35). The two disciples so privileged to walk with Jesus are none other than Cleopas and his wife. She was at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday (John 19:25). We assume that both disciples are men based on a faulty translation in Luke 24:25 when it says: "O foolish men." In the original Greek, it does not mention "men" but should be read as "O foolish ones."

St. Luke relates this story of the Walk to Emmaus to the beginning of Creation. St. Luke sees the Resurrection of Christ as the beginning of a new creation. Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

At the first creation, God "walked" in the garden amidst a man and his wife, Eve. Now on the first day of the new creation, Jesus walks with a married couple. This couple has lost all hope and yet by walking with Jesus, their hearts come back alive. When the first couple in Genesis ate the first meal (from the forbidden fruit), "then their eyes were opened" (Gen. 3:7); as Jesus breaks open the bread at table with the couple from Emmaus, "their eyes were opened" (Lk 24:31). The eyes of the original couple are opened to shame and guilt, whereas the new couple that Jesus walks with to Emmaus have their eyes opened to the resurrected Lord in the Eucharist. The old creation begins with a married couple falling from grace, whereas the new creation begins with Jesus blessing a married couple by breaking open the Scriptures and the bread, where they recognize Him in both.

At Emmaus, Jesus opens the Scripture, which is followed by the Eucharistic meal. Word and Sacrament are thus entwined, and every Mass follows the Emmaus model, beginning with the Liturgy of the Word, in which the Church parallels the Old Testament reading with the Gospel reading (showing) Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's story), followed by the liturgy of the Eucharist, in which Jesus is made present in the Breaking of the Bread.



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 26th.** 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...

This twofold pattern is described by the Emmaus disciples, who recalled: "did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Lk 24:32). By the Word made text in Scripture and by the Word made flesh in the Eucharist, we are spiritually fed.

Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. "Messianic Fulfillment"
Walking with God. West Chester,
Pennsylvania: Ascension Press, 2010.

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