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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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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 16 MAY

9:00 AM + PAULINE GALLIE
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TUESDAY, 17 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. IAN LOWING
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR BLESSED
MOTHER

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY

9:00 AM + MARIYAMPILLAI BASTIAMPILLAI
+ ROBERT D'BRASS

THURSDAY, 19 MAY

9:00 AM + PETRONILA GALAPIN
+ MICHAEL J. MURRAY

FRIDAY, 20 MAY

7:00 PM + TERESA D'SILVA
+ ALEX & MAUREEN GOMES

SATURDAY, 21 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. TONY CARVALHO

5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER
+ MARIO TEDESCO
+ MAVIS RAGELL

SUNDAY, 22 MAY

8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST RITA

10:15 AM S.I. TRISTEN & RENEE FERNANDES
+ MELANIO CATRE

12:00 PM S.I. RITA JATOE
+ ABELARDO DEMETILLO

7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**



Please note, there will be no 7pm Mass on Sunday 22 May due to the Victoria Day long weekend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Offertory Envelopes

If you have not picked up your **2022** box of offertory envelopes, please do so by **May 15th**. Any envelopes not picked up will be removed from our system. Also, if you have moved or are moving in the near future, please inform the parish office of your new address.

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. **To date, we have collected \$35,235 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 51% of our parish goal, which is \$69,000.** You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: www.sharelife.org Our next ShareLife collection date is 4/5 June weekend.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of a non-Catholic living in our neighbourhood, who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Fr. Joe at 905-683-1403 ext. 105 for an appointment. Our classes will begin in **mid-September 2022**.

OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE

September 27 to October 1, 2022

Join Fr Joseph Singh and Fr Damian Ali as they lead a pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play this coming September. This world-famous play only happens once every 10 years. \$2375 per person - land portion based on double occupancy. For more information, please visit the parish office or email Raymund Cayetano at rarc8@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL COUNTERS



If you were a previous counter at the parish, and are interested in rejoining this apostolate, please contact the parish office and leave your name, email address and phone number.



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

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



A REFLECTION ON MARY AS QUEEN

In ancient Israel, among all the ladies of the kingdom of Judah or Israel, no one was more honored than the king's mother. Even the king's wives could not compete with the prestigious role of the mother of the king. As in the other ancient kingdoms of the ancient Near East, the king's mother held the most important office in his royal court. She influenced political, economic and liturgical affairs in the kingdom and even played a role in the process of dynastic succession.

The mother of the king was known as *Gebirah* (Hebrew for "great lady" or "queen"). We generally think of the wife of the king as queen. However most ancient Near Eastern kings practiced polygamy and had large harems. Solomon had 700 wives and a large harem. So, the idea of which wife would be queen could not be realized. But the king had only one mother. She was the "Queen Mother." Mary plays the role of Queen Mother as we read in the various books of the New Testament.

In the Annunciation scene in Luke 1:31-33, Mary was given the vocation as Queen Mother in the Kingdom of Jesus. Mary is the Queen Mother of the One Who will sit on the "Throne of His father David" and "whose kingdom there will be no end."

In the Visitation scene in Luke 1:39-45, Mary is greeted by Elizabeth with, "*Why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*" (1:45). In the royal court language of the ancient Near East, the title, "mother of my Lord" was used to address the Queen Mother of the reigning king. In using this title, Elizabeth recognizes the great dignity of Mary's role as Queen Mother.

At Cana in St. John gospel (2:1-12), Mary plays the intercessory role of the Queen Mother as practiced in Old Testament. As we read in 1 Kings 2:19-20, Bathsheba went to King Solomon, to speak only to the king. The king rose to meet her, and bowed down to her; then he sat on his throne and had a throne brought for the king's mother; and she sat on his right. Then she said, "*I have one small request to make of you; do not refuse me.*" Then the king said to her, "*Make your request, my mother, for I will not refuse you.*" At Cana, Mary the Queen Mother spoke to her Son the King and said, "*They have no wine*" (2:3). While Jesus' response may have seemed off putting to us, Mary knew that He would not refuse her request: "*Do whatever he tells you*" (2:5).

In the 12th chapter of Revelation, we read of the Woman who was about to give birth to a Son clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and on her head, a crown of 12 stars. In the Old Testament, we read of the patriarch, Joseph who had a dream about the sun, the moon and 11 stars bowing down before him, a foreshadowing of the royal authority he would have over his family (Genesis 37:9). Thus, the vision of Mary clothed with the sun, the moon at her feet, and crowned with the stars over her head would recall the royal imagery of Old Testament Joseph's dream and point to her own preeminent position in God's kingdom.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are enjoying getting to know many of the children during our First Communion preparation class visits. We look forward to seeing all the children at mass each week as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on their special First Communion Day. Please see below for the rehearsal and First Communion schedule. Please also note that the First Communion Preparation books are to be returned on the rehearsal day, for the children attending Virtual School or in grades 3-6. Video's 1 & 2 have been sent out to compliment what the children are learning. We are getting close to the children's special day. God Bless!

School	Rehearsal	First Communion
Virtual School	Thursday May 26 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 th 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

Congratulations to all of our Confirmandi students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week! Parishioners, please continue to keep the confirmandi in your prayers. Families who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next year, please continue to monitor the bulletin and website for more information. God Bless!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Students in grade 5-8 we are still accepting applications for **EDGE camp!** New for our Life Teen (high school students), you are invited to apply for the **Life Teen Leadership camp** this summer.

Early bird ends **May 15th**. For more information on both camps, please email youth.sfds@gmail.com.

PRAY FOR THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Let us pray for the four men who were ordained at St Michael's Cathedral Basilica this past Saturday 14 May 2022.



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