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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 | 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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Heavenly Father,
 Please *bless* our families with Your love and *protect* us from harm. Give us *grace* to forgive, *strength* to overcome the difficulties we face, and *fortitude* to keep us together when the world tries to pull us apart.
 In Jesus name, Amen

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. THOMAS MANGAM
S.I. MICHAEL ROSINSKI
+ ANN HENRIQUES

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + JEJI THAYILCHIRA
+ YIP WAI YING
+ DELORES MANDUJANO

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR RICHARD
CHAN
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LIU
+ HORACE MASCURINE

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + CILVAMARY PACKIYEAMTHER
+ NGU LUONG

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM + GLORIA SANTANA
+ CLEMENCE CERVANTES

SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. LETICIA PEDROZO
+ VERNON FERNANDES
+ SHAWN SHARP
5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ ROY TAYLOR

SUNDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM S.I. DAN DELORAMA

9:45AM S.I. REV. FR. MELITO DIAS
+ ALBERT MARTINS
+ MILA NAVALEZA
11:00 AM + VICTOR KWAN

12:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



Monday 21 February is the Family Day holiday. To that end, the church and parish office will be closed immediately following the 9am Mass.

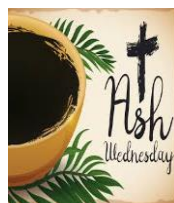
Please note the church and parish office continues to be closed each day at 12:30 p.m.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS



Please note the Archdiocese of Toronto will be mailing out all 2021 Tax Receipts for St. Francis de Sales parishioners.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of the year.

Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs or milk products.

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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.**

ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,

If you are not able to attend, but still wish to donate, here are some ways you can continue to support our parish:

- 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.
- 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.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.

MANRESA DAY OF REFLECTION

The Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre is hosting a Day of Reflection on February 28, 2022 with Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. This year's theme is "Choosing to be part of the Church". To register for the event, please email registration@manresa.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please remember those in our community that need food assistance. The Saint Vincent de Paul society at St. Francis de Sales continues to serve the poor. Needs are great as food has become so expensive. The Poor Boxes are located on the wall at the back of the church. You may use envelopes that are at the side of each box. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why do we have to have a crucifix in the Church? Jesus rose from the dead and is no longer on the Cross. We Catholics have the crucifix in our parishes to remind us to 2 important things.

- (a) That every time Mass is celebrated, we enter into the mysteries of Calvary. The Passion of Christ is not repeated but re-presented for us. Furthermore, the Book of Revelation is filled with signs and symbols to inform us that Mass is a continuous affair in Heaven. In Heaven, this sacrifice is seen especially in, "...a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes..." (Rev 5:6). The Lamb is an allusion to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:35). The celebration of the Eucharist is also called the Sacrifice of the Mass. This reality calls us to sacrifice all food and drink (with the exception of water and medication) one hour before receiving Holy Communion.
- (b) The Crucifix is the greatest symbol of God's love for us. As Jesus Himself told us, "No greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Another sign of God's great love of us is the Resurrection but it is not recorded on the pages of Sacred Scripture. As a reality, the actual Resurrection of Christ is beyond words and concepts.

What is the purpose of incense?

Catholicism is a sensual religion; it appeals to all our bodily senses. As the Crucifix appeals to our eyes, the sense of smell is by no means unimportant. Incense has been used since the days of the Old Testament. Psalm 141 speaks of prayers rising up to heaven "like burning incense." Moses was commanded by God to burn incense on the altar before the Ark of the Covenant. In Heaven incense is used: "Another angel was a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel" (Rev 8:3-4). At St. Francis de Sales, we use incense before the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (on first Fridays), at funerals and on special days like Christmas, Holy Thursday and Easter.

All of our worship in the Catholic Church is very much influenced by the worship by the heavenly court. We on Earth are not imitating them in Heaven but we have joined with them in praising and worshipping God.

What is the purpose of bells?

From the time of the Medieval Ages, cathedrals were expected to have bells to call people to Mass and to pray the *Angelus*. Bells were used to help the monks pray the Liturgy of the Hours.



FIRST CONFESSION/ COMMUNION

We are getting so excited to see all of the children on their **First Reconciliation Day**, which is set for **Saturday February 26th**. Please see the **below First Reconciliation schedule** with the times for your **child's school group**.

Please remember to work on the First Reconciliation books at home with your children and bring back the completed book on your child's First Reconciliation Day.

As discussed, Father and I have sent out 3 little videos to complement what the children are learning at home. All 3 videos have now been sent. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon. God Bless!

Saturday February 26 th at 10:00am	Saturday February 26 th at 1:00pm
St. Jude	St. Catherine of Siena
Durham Catholic Virtual School	Public/Private & Other Catholic Schools
St. Patrick	St. Josephine Bakhita
St. Francis de Sales	St. André Bessette

CONFIRMATION

Please note there will be **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS** this Sunday and Monday (Feb 20/21) because of the Family Day weekend. We encourage all families to be attending Mass in person if healthy and able or to watch Mass virtually every Sunday. Attending Mass is extremely essential to your child's spiritual development. The Confirmation dates and schedule have been finalized and were sent to families earlier this week. The correct schedule will also be published on the parish website and bulletin shortly. God Bless.



There will be **No Life Teen** tonight as it is Family Day weekend. We look forward to seeing you at the next Life Teen night, on March 5 at 7 pm.

Questions & Answers Cont'd...

In the days before the invention of the microphone, and the priest celebrated Mass with his back to the people (as in the *Tridentine* Mass), the "Communion" bells rang out from a least seven times so that the congregation would know at what part of the Mass the priest was praying. These communion bells are rung only four times in the *Novus Ordo* Mass. They are also rung continuously during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday.

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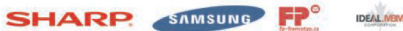
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