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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

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Our
Lenten
journey
begins with

ASH WEDNESDAY

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Prayer
Fasting
&
Alms Giving
we imitate
Christ
&
empty
ourselves
to be filled
with
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + JOSE & JUSTINA MOURA AND FAMILY
+ YIP WAI YING
+ GRACE & ANTHONY DEMONTE

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. ALEX & MARY LOU PIAMONTE
S.I. ABIOLA AKANO
+ JUN TENORIO

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED
S.I. JOSHUA PIAMONTE
+ MARY & THOMAS MASCURINE

7:00 PM S.I. BAILEY LIBBY

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH

9:00 AM + SEBASTIAN & JOAN JACQUELINE
D'SOUZA
+ ANTHONY & ANGELA DIAS
+ JANET & JOHN SOARES

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH

7:00 PM + MICHAEL MALONEY
+ AGATHA & CLAUDIUS VINCENT
+ CARYLA, JAMES, SIMON VINCENT

SATURDAY, 5 MARCH

9:00 AM + ROSA BARRERA
+ ALLY HOOSAIN
5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER
+ MICHAEL D'SOUZA
+ COLIN DESOUZA

SUNDAY, 6 MARCH

8:30 AM + HELEN SHIM
+ JOSETTE DELARMA
+ ALISON PAUL
10:15 AM + MAUREEN HALL
+ NANDY PACHECO

12:00 PM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CWL &
THEIR FAMILIES
+ ELISA & FLORENTINO DIOLATA SR.

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

RETURNING TO REGULAR MASS TIMES AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

As of Tuesday 1 March, all churches will go back to 100% seating capacity. To that end, all the cords within the pews will be removed. Parishioners will still be required to wear their masks.

On Sunday 6 March, we will return back to our original Sunday Mass times: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 noon and 7 PM. Congregational singing is encouraged as you will find hymnals in your pews.

You are still required under Durham Region By-law and Cardinal Collins to wear a facemask inside the building. **If you are ill, we ask that you stay home.**

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 full meal. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs or milk products. **Ash Wednesday is not a day of Mass obligation.**

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.

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration & Confession

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mass

REFLECTION

As we begin our Lenten journey this coming Ash Wednesday 2 March, I thought that it might be good to reflect on the seven last words (or phrases) of Christ on the Cross. Each week, we will “unpack” some of the meanings behind each of those words. With the help of the late Bishop Fulton Sheen, we will reflect on the first word: **“Forgive them Father for they do not know what they do.”**

This first word is addressed to enemies. At the foot of the Cross, were various members of His congregation, this is those Pharisees and the Sanhedrin, the Roman soldiers and those hurling blasphemies to Christ on the Cross. He who preached “Love your enemies,” and “Do good to those who hate you,” would not forget them with pierced hands and feet. Why forgive them? If they knew what they were doing like the fallen angels, they would be excluded from that cry on the Cross. It is their ignorance of their grave sin that brought them within the pale of hearing that cry from the Cross.

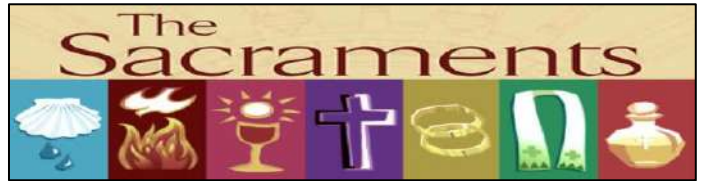
This first word of Jesus from the Cross can also be compared to the *Confiteor* which we proclaim at the beginning of Mass. The *Confiteor* is a prayer to Mary and the saints to intercede to God for the forgiveness of our sins; for only the clean of heart can see God.

Our Lord begins His Mass on the Cross with a *Confiteor*: **“Forgive them Father for they do not know what they are doing.”** But His *Confiteor* differs from ours in that Jesus has no sins to confess. He is God and therefore sinless. His *Confiteor* then cannot be a prayer for the forgiveness of His sins but it can be a prayer for the forgiveness of our sins. This first word of Jesus does not constitute an excuse for continued sin, but a motive for contrition and penance. Forgiveness is not a denial of sin and Our Lord does not deny the horrible fact of sin.

Some may indeed ask, how and why can a mere priest, a fellow sinner forgive others of their sins? Only God can forgive sin. To answer this question, we look at this very first word of Jesus from the Cross. God can forgive sins through man, for that is the way God forgave His executioners; namely through the instrumentality of His human nature. Why then is it not reasonable to expect Him still to forgive sins through other human natures (that is priests) to whom He gave that power? We attune ourselves to that first cry from the Cross for forgiveness in a great way, in the confessional.

The Confiteor at the foot of the altar is our cry of unworthiness; the Confiteor from the Cross is our hope of pardon and absolution. The wounds of Our Saviour were terrible, but the worst wound of all would be to be unmindful that we caused it all.

Sheen, Fulton J. “Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do!” *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross. An Anthology.* Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2018, pp. 3-58.



FIRST CONFESSION/ COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children that received the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend! It was so nice to see all the children in person. Please contact Mrs. Selda as soon as possible if your child missed the First Reconciliation Day (for children registered for this year). We are hoping to send out the Spring First Communion dates early March. Please check our Parish website and the bulletin weekly for updates. We look forward to seeing all of our sacramental families each week at Mass, as the children prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist on their First Communion Day!

CONFIRMATION

Please note Confirmation Classes will **resume** this Sunday and Monday (Feb 28/29). Please login 10 minutes early to ensure we start on time. 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.

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.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS



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