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The Ascension of Our Lord

May 29th 2022



*He ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

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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God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominium, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Eph. 20-23



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MONDAY, 30 MAY

9:00 AM + CECILIA CLEMENTS
+ JOSE & JUSTINA MOURA
+ LENNOX LI

TUESDAY, 31 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. YVONNE STEINWALL
+ TYNCEL HASAN
+ MICHAEL D'SOUZA

WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE

9:00 AM S.I. EMILY LOWING
+ RECALDA DERAMOS

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST ANTHONY OF
PADUA
S.I. VIOLET CUNNINGHAM
+ LOURDES ALBURO PEREZ

FRIDAY, 3 JUNE

7:00 PM + NATALE RENDA
+ ELISABETTA RENDA
+ PATSY BIRD

SATURDAY, 4 JUNE

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
+ ROSA BARRERA

SUNDAY, 5 JUNE

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
10:15 AM S.I. ALVARO & LUCY SARMENTO
S.I. TRISTEN & RENE FERNANDES
+ KATHERINE, DOMENIC & THOMAS
12:00 PM AVAILABLE
7:00 PM AVAILABLE



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.

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 \$36,655 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 54% 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



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.



The CWL Catholic and Living It Mass will be on May 5th at 10:15 a.m. We will have our last meeting and social for the months followed by brunch at the Mandarin restaurant. Come and bring a friend. For more information, please call Rosemary Plantinga at 416-894-7138

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



REFLECTION

The Ascension of Jesus reveals both the union of heaven and earth in the Incarnate person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It also helps us develop a proper understanding of our own present moment in history. Too often, skepticism and atheistic trends found in unbridled secularism can tempt us to enter a certain self-referentiality, wherein we view life divorced from the mystery of faith and view our age as superior to that which came before it. This mindset can affect both secular life and the life of the Church to the point where we forget who we are in the eyes of God and our ultimate responsibilities to Him and our fellow man.

In his passion and death on the Cross on Good Friday, Jesus paid the debt that we owed to God the Father for our sins. In his Resurrection from the dead at the tomb on Easter Sunday, Jesus elevated and restored our human nature in body and soul from the effects of sin and death. The Resurrection then brings every aspect of our nature as human persons back into harmony with grace—supernatural life—in this natural life. The Ascension of Jesus brings our existence as human persons into the depths what grace is: intimate divine union with the Holy Trinity in Heaven in the life of the world to come.

The Catechism further explains the significance of Jesus lifting up to heaven for us as connected to the rest of his passion:

“The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, “entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.” There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he “always lives to make intercession” for “those who draw near to God through him.”

Just as seeing the world around us clearly is essential, so is seeing how every aspect of the Paschal Mystery is redemptive for us in unique and complementary ways. This interlinking of the elements of the paschal mystery is essential to maintain, just as is looking at its unique parts. By supporting this unity of faith upon the mysteries of the life of Jesus, particularly in the paschal mystery, we are aided in keeping our eyes on Jesus in the earthly journey of life so that we are not distracted by earthly projects, passing fads, or fleeting temporal gain.

MacDonald, Matthew.

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2021/05/15/refocusing-on-the-ascension-of-christ/>



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 in grades 3-6. Video's 1, 2 & 3 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
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



All grade 8 and high school students are invited to our last Life Teen night on Saturday, June 4 at 7pm.

Please email Noah Aquino to let him know you're planning on going, if you're not already registered. Students in Gr 5-8, we have our last Edge Night of the year on Friday, June 10 at 7:30pm. Please be sure to email Noah if you plan on coming, if you're not already registered. We hope you can come and end the year with a bang! God Bless!

LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP



Calling all high school students! Great news! **The High School Leadership Camp registration has been extended until June 30 and will only cost \$450.**

LAST CALL! Students in Gr 5-8, you have until May 31st to register for Edge Camp! The camp runs from August 20-24. The money raised from the Samosa sales will help to offset the cost for both camps.

To register for either camp, scan the QR Code or visit <https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/> If you have any questions, contact Noah Aquino. God Bless!

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