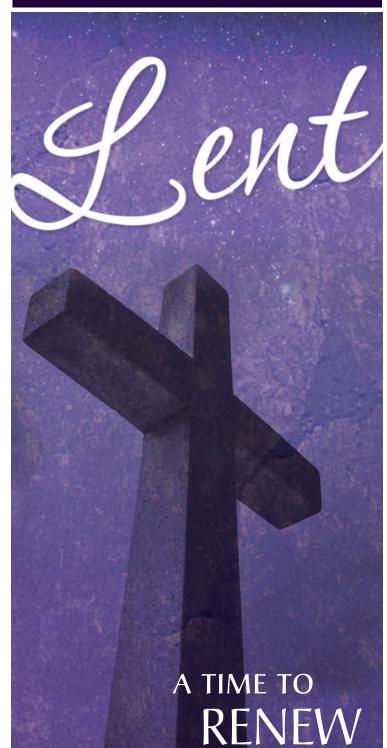


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The First Sunday of Lent

March 6th, 2022



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 - THURSDAY9:00 amFRIDAY7:00 pmSATURDAY9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY SUNDAY 5:00 pm 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

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MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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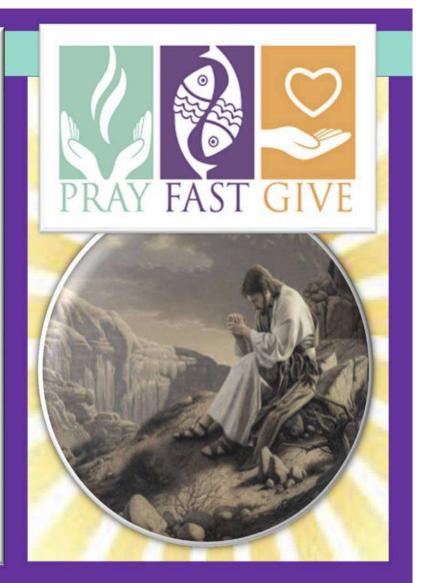
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After His baptism, Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to pray and fast. There the devil tried to tempt our Lord, but Jesus prevailed. He then went to Gailee to begin His ministry proclaiming,

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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MONDAY, 7 MARCH		
9:00 AM	+ GNANASEELI MANUETPILLAI	
	+ YIP WAI YING	
	+ LUZ LUCERO CAPISTRANO	
TUESDAY, 8	MARCH	
9:00 AM	+ SONIA LIM	
	+ ZENAIDA BORLONGAN	
	+ DEIRDRE DINSDALE	
WEDNESDAY	Y, 9 MARCH	
9:00 AM	S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR EDEN	
	THACORDA	
	+ ANTHONY FREDERICKS	
	+ VIRGINIA SAN DDIEGO	
THURSDAY,	10 MARCH	
9:00 AM	S.I. ROBERT COOK	
	+ NAOMI SUAZON	
	+ JACINTO SANTIAGO	
FRIDAY, 11		
7:00 PM	S.I. ELIZABETH JOSEPH	
	S.I. JOJI FAJARDO	
	+ JOSEPHINE & INNOCENCIO PACHECO	
SATURDAY,		
9:00 AM	+ JESUS MISAJON	
	+ RIZALINO LABALAN	
	+ GORGONIO VALLEDOR	
5:00 PM	+ CEDRIC SISOUW	
	+ TOMASO FARCON	
	+ ANTHONY FREDERICKS	
SUNDAY, 13 MARCH		
8:30 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH	
10:15 AM	+ NOLI DEL ROSARIO	
	+ JAMIE BOYET SANTULAN	
	+ ELISA & FLORENTINO DIOLATA	
12:00 PM	+ TEODORICO QUERUBIN	
	+ BAPTIST TRAVAS	
	+ SANTINA PILIGRA	
7:00 PM	+ JERRY CUSTODIO	
	+ MARGARITA ILUMIN	

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Any students in grade 3 and up who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and are interested in joining our Altar Server ministry, kindly send an email to Kelly at <u>altarservers.sfds@gmail.com</u>.



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.**

Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus of St Francis de Sales are having their 40 cans for Lent Program. If you are able to drop off in their boxes located in the foyer, a can of food, that would be greatly appreciated.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent:

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mass

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 <u>www.archtoronto.org</u>. 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 <u>development@archtoronto.org</u> 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.

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



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REFLECTION

This week we look at the second phrase of Jesus from the Cross: **"This day you will be with me in paradise"** with the help of the late Bishop Fulton Sheen.

If the first phrase from the Cross was addressed to enemies, this second phrase is addressed to sinners. On that day when Herod Antipas could not make Jesus speak, nor all the power of Jerusalem make Him step down from the Cross, nor a mob crying, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save," Jesus turns to a quivering life beside Him and says, **"This day you will be with me in paradise."** God is more eager to save us than we are to ourselves. What greater assurance is there in all the world of the mercy of God? Lost sheep, prodigal sons, broken Magdalens, penitent Peters and forgiven thieves. Such is the rosary of divine forgiveness.

This second phrase of Jesus can also be compared to the Offertory Rite of the Mass. At the Offertory Rite of the Mass, we are offering ourselves under the guise of bread and wine. With these words, Our Lord was offering Himself to the Father on the paten of His Cross as the great host. Jesus now unites Himself on the paten of the Cross with the first small host ever offered in the Mass – the host of a repentant thief. Jesus does not suffer alone on the Cross: He suffers with us. That is the reason why Jesus united the sacrifice of the thief with His own. The words of St. Paul ring's true when the Apostle says that we should fill up those things that are wanting to the sufferings of Christ. This does not mean Our Lord on the Cross did not suffer all He could. It means rather that the physical historical Christ suffered all He could in His own human nature, but that the Mystical Christ, which is Christ and us, has not suffered to our fullness. Our Lord is now in Heaven in His human nature and therefore He can no longer suffer, but Jesus can suffer more in other human natures. And so, Jesus reaches out to other human natures, to yours and mine and asks us to do as the thief did, namely to incorporate ourselves to Him on the Cross, that sharing in His Crucifixion we might also share in His Resurrection. Upon what conditions do we become small hosts at Mass? Only by reproducing in our lives the two attitudes in soul of the thief: penitence and faith. First, we deserve penitence with the thief and say, "I deserve punishment for my sins, I stand in need of sacrifice." And secondly faith, faith in Him whom men rejected but whom the thief recognized as the very King of Kings.

Sheen, Fulton J. "This Day You will be with Me in Paradise." *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross. An Anthology.* Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2018, pp. 59-110.

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Our Share Life contribution total for 2021 was \$66,766.76, which was 78.7% of our goal of \$84,800. We thank-you for your generosity.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children that received the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation. It was so nice to see all the children in person. If your child attends Public/Private school, Other Catholic schools, Virtual school or is in grade 3-6 and did not pick up their First Communion Preparation book, please contact Mrs. Selda as soon as possible. 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

In light of the increased capacity for our Masses, **the Confirmation dates and schedule are being revised.** Noah will send an email further clarifying this change in the coming week. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time, as our world continues to move forward past the pandemic. The correct schedule will be published on the parish website and bulletin shortly. Please note there are Confirmation Classes this Sunday and Monday (Mar 6/7). 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. <u>Attending Mass is extremely essential to your</u> child's spiritual development. God Bless.

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

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• By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

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