



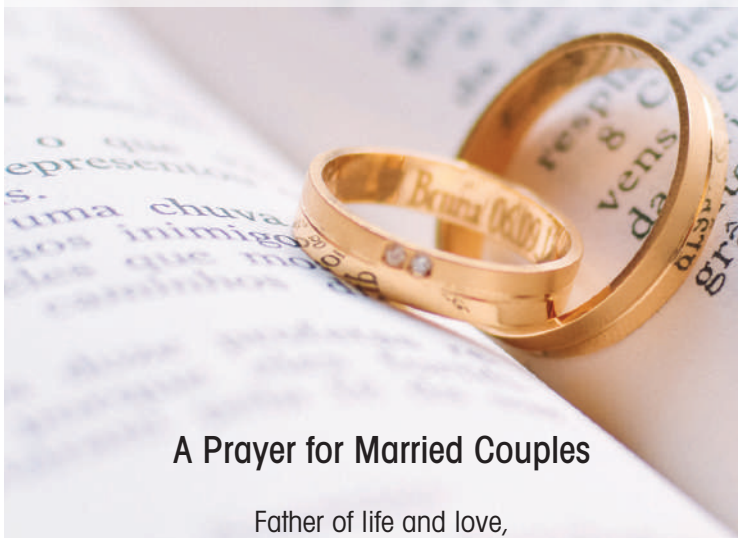
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# Marriage Sunday

Feb 13th 2022



## A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love,  
 You created us in your image – woman and man.  
 We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.  
 Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper  
 understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance  
 and direction in our relationship.  
 In marriage you call and challenge us  
 to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.  
 Be our strength and support, therefore,  
 as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,  
 honest commitment united in love.  
 Give us your strength to carry each other  
 in times of darkness,  
 your joy in times of happiness,  
 and your gift of awe in the uniqueness  
 and sacredness of each other.  
 May our love be a reflection and a sign  
 of your love in the world. — Amen.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life & Family (COLF)

**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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# Marriage is a journey that leads to Heaven

## Celebrating Marriage Sunday



**LOVE** withstands all tests and grows deeper the more we imitate Christ. For Christ revealed Love in its purist form and showed us what being a Beloved truly means. His journey to the Cross bears testimony to God's Love and reveals to us Love within the Trinitarian relationship. He shows us the beauty and dignity of dying to ones own needs to unwaveringly seek the good of another.

Marriage is a life-long commitment to God, to oneself and to one's spouse. It is a journey that requires us to practice Catholic virtues, to forge within us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that the Sacrament of Marriage truly is a shared journey to eternal life.

To newlyweds, to those who have celebrated anniversary milestones and to those whose spouse has already journeyed ahead – God Bless you and renew in your commitment to Loving one another.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthis 13: 4-7



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9:00 AM + THELMA RODRIGUES  
+ EDUARDO AMARAL

WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + THELMA RODRIGUES  
+ LORETA CONCHADA  
+ BENNY CASTELINO

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + JACKIE ESTELLA  
+ THELMA RODRIGUES  
+ ROSAMMA ABRAHAM

FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM + THELMA RODRIGUES

SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + THELMA RODRIGUES  
+ FLORENTINO PASCUAL  
+ JOHN MURPHY

5:00 PM S.I. AMELITA, LEE, LIAM, & DAKOTA  
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SUNDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

9:45AM + THELMA RODRIGUES  
+ PATRICK SEQUEIRA  
+ SUSAN FONTE

11:00 AM + VICTOR KWAN  
+ LILY DISSANAYAKE  
+ GIUSEPPA CECE

12:15 PM S.I. ROBERT PASAJOL & FAMILY  
+ EDWINA MALONEY



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## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## REFLECTION

St. Paul's letter to the **Galatians** did not contain one word of praise. In Galatia, the Church had abandoned the gospel for another religion.

The question in Galatia was: should one become a Jew first before becoming a Christian? Those in Galatia who were insisting on circumcision were making Christianity a Jewish sect. (Circumcision meant becoming a Jew). The Galatians forgot the radical break between the two religions. According to the teachings of the apostles, we are saved not by the Jewish law, the old covenant, entered by circumcision but by Christ and His new covenant entered by baptism and faith. *"We...know that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ...because by works of the law shall no one be justified"* (2:15-16).

If we were saved by obeying the law, we would save ourselves and would have no need for a savior. Jesus would be reduced only to a human teacher, a prophet or a moral philosopher.

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**Reflection cont'd**

The law is like an X-ray. Sin is like cancer. Salvation is like an operation. Jesus is the surgeon. Faith is like the consent to the operation. The Galatian heresy is to think that the X-ray (the law) will save you. The simple reason why no one can be saved by obeying God's law is that no one obeys it (see Philippians 3:9).

St. Paul lists some reasons why the law (the Torah) is inadequate. (1) The law only defined sins but did not save anyone from sin or sin's punishment. The law is the diagnosis not the cure; it's the bad news not the good news (Gal 3:19-22). (2) Even in Old Testament times, men and women were saved by faith and not by the law as in the case of Abraham and Sarah who received the promise before Moses received the law (Gal 3). (3) The law binds us while the Gospel frees us. St. Paul illustrates this by allegorizing Abraham's 2 rival sons, Isaac (faith) and Ishmael (law) (Gal 4:22-31).

**What does the above have to do with you and me? It all pertains on how we get to heaven.** St. Paul is telling us that the law does not save us from sin or sin's punishment. God's grace received in baptism and faith saves us from both. Not only justification (being saved) but sanctification (being virtuous) as the Holy Spirit, not the law, is our source and power. We Christians are not legalists because we have been freed from the law by Christ. We are now under Grace not the law. Slaves are under the law. Family heirs are under the promise of salvation and we are family heirs by adoption. The life of Christ comes into the soul by baptism and faith and out by works. It is not that we get to Heaven because we lived the good life. Rather, we live a good life because Heaven (Christ) has gotten into us in baptism. *"Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me..."* (Gal 2;20).

This drama is played out today in the world and in the Church. Many are confused about the difference among legalism, license and liberty. **Legalism, license and liberty** are three different ways of life, three different ways of religion and three different ways of love. **Legalism** is about self-love and self-righteousness. **License** (the most popular one today) is about self-love and self-indulgence. (Too often today, the sinner thinks he/ she can bypass the confessional with its manifold graces of Christ). **Liberty** is about selfless love of God and neighbor.

Kreeft, Peter. "Back to Basics: Galatians," *Reading and Praying the New Testament. A Book-by-Book Guide for Catholics.* Ed Twin Circle Publishing Co. 1992, pp. 81-88.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$34,077
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$3,082
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$2,698
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,226,785

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 will be sending out 3 little videos to complement what the children are learning at home. Video #1 of 3 was sent this week. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon. God Bless!**

Saturday February 26 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am	Saturday February 26 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
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**CONFIRMATION**

**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 the spiritual development Confirmation classes are well underway and will continue to be virtual. **Sunday classes are from 4 pm – 6 pm or Mondays from 7 pm – 9 pm.** Please log in 10 minutes early to help start on time and to email Noah for any absences. The Confirmation dates and schedule is being finalized and will be immediately released when confirmed. God Bless.

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