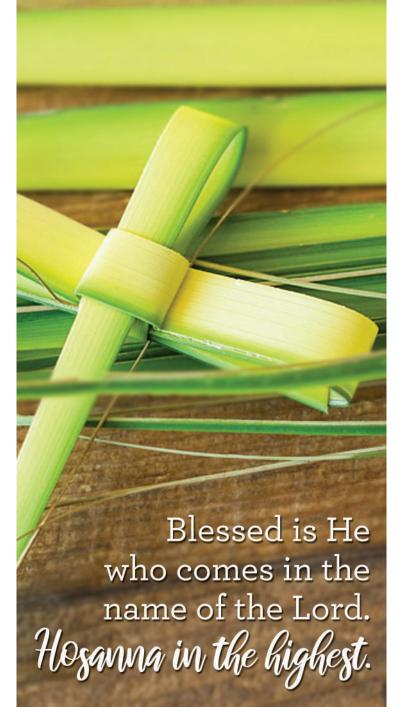


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Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing 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 - 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

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS

| MONDAY, 11 APRIL                            |                                      |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 9:00 AM                                     | S.I. RONALD ANDRE DEMATTOS           |  |  |
|   | + CARMEN MACAPAZ                     |  |  |
|   | + GLORIA MANAPUL                     |  |  |
| TUESDAY, 1                                  | 2 APRIL                              |  |  |
| 8:30 AM                                     | + ERMELINDA MONIZ                    |  |  |
|   | + ALEKUTTY VALLIYIL                  |  |  |
| WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL                         |                                      |  |  |
| 9:00 AM                                     | + JEAN MURPHY                        |  |  |
|   | + ROY & CLIFFORD JOHN-BAPTISTE       |  |  |
|   | + FANCINA ANTHONY                    |  |  |
|   | HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE                   |  |  |
| THURSDAY, 14 APRIL (HOLY THURSDAY)          |                                      |  |  |
| 9:00 AM                                     | NO MORNING MASS                      |  |  |
| 7:30 PM                                     | FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED PRIESTS  |  |  |
|   | APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)                  |  |  |
| 11:00 AM                                    | VENERATION OF THE CROSS              |  |  |
| 1:00 PM                                     | VENERATION OF THE CROSS              |  |  |
| 3:00 PM                                     | VENERATION OF THE CROSS              |  |  |
|   | NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS             |  |  |
|   | 16 APRIL (EASTER VIGIL)              |  |  |
| 9:00 AM                                     |                                      |  |  |
| 5:00 PM                                     |                                      |  |  |
| 8:30 PM                                     | FOR THE CANDIDATES AND               |  |  |
|   | CATECHUMENS OF THE RCIA              |  |  |
| SUNDAY, 17 APRIL (RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD) |                                      |  |  |
| 8:30 AM                                     | S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR JOSPEH CHAN |  |  |
|   | + JULIANA PASAJOL                    |  |  |
|   | + JOSEPH SEQUEIRA                    |  |  |
|   | FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH         |  |  |
| 12:00 PM                                    | S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE DANTAS  |  |  |
|   | FAMILY                               |  |  |
|   | + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ              |  |  |
|   | + MARCELINO CATRE                    |  |  |
| 7:00 PM                                     | NO MASS                              |  |  |
|   |                                      |  |  |

# UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN **RELIEF FUND**

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.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- 1. Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- 2. By phone through the Development Office -416-934-3411
- 3. Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Let us continue to keep our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in our prayers.

# **SL** ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. Last weekend our first major collection garnered us \$11,304. You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: www.sharelife.org The 2022 suggested campaign goal for our parish is \$69,000. Our next ShareLife collection date is April 30/May 1 weekend.

# **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We are in need of extraordinary ministers to distribute Holy Communion during Sunday Mass. If you feel the calling to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Fr Joe or Fr David for more information.

## MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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.



March for Life is a peaceful demonstration at the Canadian E Parliament Building in Ottawa. This is in support of the unborn and to mark the passing of the 1969 omnibus © ONLINE marchforlife.co

Please join us for this important cause! We will be leaving by bus from St. Isaac Jogues Church at 6:30 AM on Thursday, 12 May, 2022. We will arrive in Ottawa in time for the march and then return to the bus at about 4 PM the same day. The cost for the bus is \$50 per person. You may also choose to arrange your own transportation to Ottawa if you wish.

If you are considering joining this important cause, please contact Alex Eykelhof (alex.eykelhof@gmail.com) before 10 April, 2022 (Palm Sunday).

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



Visit our NEW website: www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

### **REFLECTION**

This week we look at the seventh phrase of Jesus from the Cross: **"Father into your hands, I commend my spirit"** with the help of the late Bishop Fulton Sheen.

If the sixth phrase was a cry of retrospect: "It is finished," then his seventh and last phrase is one of prospect: "I commend my spirit." The sixth phrase was manward; the seventh phrase was Godward. The sixth phrase was a farewell to earth; the seventh was His entrance into heaven. He who had come from Heaven and finished His work, now goes back to the Father to salute Him who sent Jesus out on the great work of the world's redemption.

The prodigal Son is returning to His Father's house, for is not Christ the prodigal? Thirty-three earlier, Jesus left His Father's eternal mansion and went off into the foreign country of this world. He began spending Himself and being spent; dispensing with an infinite prodigality the divine riches of power and wisdom, and bestowing with a heavenly liberality the divine gifts of pardon and mercy. In this last hour, His whole substance is wasted among sinners, for Jesus is giving the last drop of His Precious Blood for the redemption of the world. There is nothing to feed upon except the husks of human sneers, and the vinegar and gall of bitter human ingratitude. Jesus now prepares to take the road back to His Father's House, and when, yet some distance away, Jesus sees the face of His Heavenly Father, he breaks out into the last and perfect prayer from the pulpit of the Cross: "Father into your hands I commend my spirit."

As Jesus the High Priest began His Mass with "Father," ("Forgive them Father for they know not what they do") so He ends His Mass with the same word, "Father into your hands, I commend my spirit."

High Priest of Heaven and earth, Your Mass is finished. Leave the Altar of the Cross and repair into your Sacristy. As High Priest, You came forth from the Sacristy of Heaven, clothed in the vestments of Humanity and bearing Your Body as Bread and Your Blood as Wine. Now the Sacrifice has been consummated. The Consecration bell has rung. You offered your Spirit to Your Father, Your Body and Blood to man. There remains now nothing but the drained chalice. Enter your Heavenly sacristy. Take off your garments of mortality and put on the white robes of immortality. Show your Hands, Feet and Side to your Heavenly Father and say: "With these was I wounded in the house of those who love me."

Sheen, Fulton J. "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross. An Anthology.* Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2018, pp. 333-380.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 2022

|                       | GOAL            | ACTUAL         |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| SUNDAY OFFERTOR       | RY \$60,000     | \$42,743.55    |
| MORTGAGE FUND         | \$10,000        | \$4,662.60     |
| <b>BUILDING FUND</b>  | \$5,000         | \$4,850.95     |
| SHARELIFE             | \$69,000        | \$9,189.80     |
| DEBT OUTSTANDIN       | G               | \$2,209,374.51 |
| Thank you for your co | ontinued suppor | ·t!            |

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

It has been so nice to see the children, as we begin our First Communion Preparation class visits. We will be visiting all of our grade 2 classes in our 6 parish schools over the upcoming weeks. (5 preparation class visits for every grade 2 class) For the children who are attending public/private, other Catholic schools, virtual school and who are in grades 3-6, please begin to work on your First Communion preparation books at home. Father and I will be sending out our little videos to complement what the children are learning in their books in the coming weeks. Please see Parish website for the Rehearsal and First Communion dates.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

This is the last week for our Confirmation classes. Please login 10 minutes early to ensure we start on time. The Confirmation schedule can be seen below and on the parish website. More information regarding details of the Confirmation Mass (including the rehearsal video) will be sent out through email. If your child's sponsor is unavailable, please email Noah immediately. We encourage all families to be attending Mass in person if healthy and able. <u>Attending Mass is extremely essential to your child's spiritual</u> <u>development.</u> God Bless.

| School Group           | <b>Confirmation Mass Date</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| St. Jude               | Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 7pm      |
| St. Catherine of Siena | Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 7pm      |
| Virtual                | Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 7pm      |
| Public/Private         | Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 7pm      |
| St. Josephine Bakhita  | Thurs, Apr 28, 2022 at 7pm    |
| St. André Bessette     | Thurs, Apr 28, 2022 at 7pm    |
| St. Francis de Sales   | Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 7pm      |
| St. Patrick            | Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 7pm      |
| Other Catholic         | Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 7pm      |
| Other Catholic         | Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 7pm      |



