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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 | 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, 2 MAY**

9:00 AM + THOMAS Mc CANN

TUESDAY, 3 MAY

9:00 AM + JIMMY SUARLY

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY9:00 AM S.I. RYAN LEITCH
+ MALCOLM FERNANDEZ
+ MAGNA JUMAO-AS**THURSDAY, 5 MAY**

9:00 AM + JOSEPHINE & INNOCENCIO PACHEO

FRIDAY, 6 MAY7:00 PM + NEAL CARACCIOLO
+ ANTHONY & FLORRIE FREITAS**SATURDAY, 7 MAY**

9:00 AM + PAUL STANKEVICIUS

5:00 PM + SEBASTIAN & JOAN JACQUELINE D'SOUZA
+ ANTHONY & ANGELA DIAS
+ GEORGE D'SA**SUNDAY, 8 MAY**8:30 AM + SANDRA KRUPICZ
+ HAROLD SELDON
+ KANAGMAH MYLBAGANA
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM S.I. FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED
MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS &
GODMOTHERS
+ BARBARA CANNATA
+ PHILLIP & MARTINA RODRIGUES
7:00 PM NO MASSPlease note: There is no 7pm Mass on May 8th.**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

If you have not picked up your 2022 box of offertory envelopes, please do so by May 8th. Any envelopes not picked up will be removed from our system. Also, if you have moved or are moving in the near future, please inform the parish office of your new address.

Visit our NEW website:www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org**SL 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 \$20,137 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 30% 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.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**May 1 - 6, 2022****"Rebuild, Renew, Restore Together"**

During Catholic Education Week (May 1 - 6, 2022), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St Francis de Sales for their contribution to the "40 Cans for Lent" food drive. We collected over 2150 pounds of food that has been distributed to local food banks.

CALLING ALL COUNTERS

If you were a previous counter at the parish, and are interested in rejoining this apostolate, please contact the parish office and leave your name, email address and phone number.

REFLECTION

Have you ever heard of the Eighth Day?

In ancient times, the Sabbath Day (Saturday) marked the seventh and last day of creation when the Lord rested from His good work. But after the Resurrection, when the Passover became the Pascha, Christians began referring cryptically to Sunday, the first day of the week and the day Christ rose from the crypt, as the Eighth Day, bringing new symbolism to the oft-mentioned Old Testament eighth day as a day of cleansing feasts and spiritual birth. The Resurrection, as an eighth day, bespoke a movement beyond the seven days into something new.

This secondary appellation for the first day as the Eighth Day hailed the Resurrected Christ as the beginning and end of time, and it also symbolized a mystical movement beyond the seven days. God created the world in seven days, and when His Son rose from the dead, a new creation was begun.

Just as a musical octave returns to the same note, but sounds a new version of it, a higher version of it, so the Resurrection of the Eighth Day returns creation to the pure light of the first day but moves it beyond that created light into the everlasting light of eternity. With Christ's Resurrection, the Church steps above and beyond the seven-day cycle of creation week into the eternal unity of the Eighth Day. Thus, the Easter Octave celebrates a cycle of Sunday to Sunday, a more unified cycle than the seven-day cycle, a cycle in which both first and last, Alpha and Omega, stand as if united in a single day.

And herein lies the deepest secret of the Eighth Day: it is Jesus Christ, Who declares Himself the Alpha and Omega, Who is the firstborn of every creature, by Whom and for Whom all things were created and in Whom they hold together, Who is truly and pre-eminently the Eighth Day.

And thus, an intersection of time and eternity is poetically captured. As Christ makes all things new again, so His Resurrection institutes a new creation, a passage into perfection and fulfillment that both completes and transcends the seven days. Sunday is the first day, the Lord's Day, but it is also the everlasting day, encompassing all the other seven in its light as it returns as a second first, or eighth day, in a single, celebratory octave of itself eight times over and onward.

Fitzpatrick, Sean.

<https://www.crisismagazine.com/2022/easter-and-the-eighth-day>



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 Public, Private, other Catholic School, grades 3-6 and for Virtual School students. Video's 1 & 2 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
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Thursday May 12 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 14 th at 10:00am
St. André Bessette	Thursday May 12 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 14 th at 10:00am
St Patrick	Thursday May 12 th at 7:30pm	Saturday May 14 th at 1:00pm
St Francis de Sales	Thursday May 26 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 th at 10:00am
Virtual School	Thursday May 26 th at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 th at 10:00am
St. Jude	Thursday May 26 th at 7:30pm	Saturday May 28 th at 1:00pm
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

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all of our Confirmandi students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week! You are now sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to proudly share the gifts that have been given and the faith that we practice. Big thank you to the families for your continued patience and flexibility throughout the whole process. Thank you to our catechists for giving your time, talent and wisdom to our Confirmandi this year during our virtual Confirmation classes. Thank you to our volunteers and Parish team for helping us execute our Confirmations over the past week! We wish you all a blessed, safe, healthy and rest of the school year. Take care and May God Bless each and every one of you. Noah Aquino and Father Joe

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