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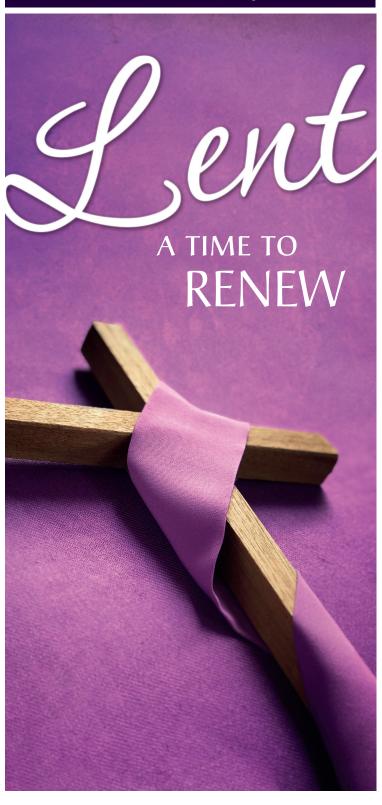
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The First Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 26th, 2023



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

8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm **SUNDAY**

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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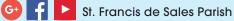
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1st Sunday of Lent Walk with Jesus



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."

(Mark 1:15)

During Lent thirst and hunger for God and His Word; be filled, renewed and transformed.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY St Gregory of Narek

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR SAFE TRAVELS

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + ANTONIO & LAURA MOURA

+ NICHOLAS D'ROZARIO

+ FORTUNADO BERNARDO

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. ZIANA DINESH

+ FRANCIS XAVIER MCMICHAEL

+ JUN TENORIO

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. FOR ALL SOULS

+ HENRY JOHNSON

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH St Katharine

6:30 PM + JOHN & JANET SOARES

SATURDAY, 4 MARCH St Casimir

9:00 AM + MICHAEL MALONEY

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 5 MARCH

8:30 AM + ZAKARIYA SHAIKH

10:15 AM S.I. FOR A DEEP LENTEN PREPARATION

S.I. TIFFANY GILLESPIE & NEIL LUCAS

+ MILAGROS & EDMUNDO BALLERAS

12:00 PM S.I. PHILOMENA

+ BENJAMIN STONE

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

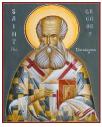


LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



"Compassionate God, I pray for your mercy, as you instructed in your own words. Be exalted anew in remembrance of this offering in incense, for everything is in you, and everything is from you. To you glory from all".

-St. Gregory of Narek

2022 TAX RECEIPTS

Attention Parishioners! Tax receipts from the Archdiocese are anticipated to be mailed out by the end of this week or early next week. These will be followed by Share Life receipts and conclude with Family of Faith receipts.





2023 Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 4, 2023

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Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. This year's conference theme is "Empowered to Stand". Please note all adult parish tickets are sold out. There are still youth parish tickets available.

40 CANS FOR LENT



A program designed to help fight hunger. During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the 40 Cans for Lent Program, your council can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which began on **Ash Wednesday**, **Feb 22nd** and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans any time throughout the Lenten season in the designated boxes in the church foyer and they will be distributed to those in need.

EDGE CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP

A 5-day Catholic Adventure Camp with sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! A fun & exciting Christ-centred experience!

Who: Students in gr. 5-8 who attend EDGE

When: August 23 - 27

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton

Cost: \$475 (early bird before April 30)/\$525 until May 31 All-inclusive (food, transportation, accommodations,

camp t-shirt, water bottle)

Space is limited to a first come first register basis **For questions & to register contact:** Noah Aquino **youth.sfds@gmail.com** or 905-683-1403 x 100

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REFLECTION

We continue this weekend looking at the fifth Beatitude as given by Dr. Peter Kreeft.

"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs" Mercy is the compassion and/or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. God shows us great mercy when we sin against Him. Christ instructs us to do the same with our neighbor.

Ouick Reflection:

Do I assist the poor according to their means? Do I practice every possible spiritual and corporal work of mercy? Do I patiently endure the faults of others? Do I strive to excuse them and willingly forgive them of their faults?

The greatest rewards are awarded to one who is merciful because God will be merciful. However, a judgment without mercy shall be passed on the unmerciful.

Avarice is greed, the selfish reach to grab and keep for oneself (the opposite of mercy, which is the reach to give, to share with others, even the undeserving). [6] Justice is to give to others what they are due, what they deserve. Mercy is when we give to those who are do not deserve of our forgiveness. The practice of mercy is to constantly look beyond what we want or what we deserve, and to be conscious of what we can do for others, whether we feel they are deserving or not. For example, if a homeless man asks us for money, we do not have time to question him, and decide whether he is deserving of our money or not.

Let us remember the words of the Lord's Prayer, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." In this Beatitude, Jesus promises us that those who are merciful will be treated mercifully.

https://linktoliturgy.com/the-beatitudes-part-2

VOCATIONS



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received their beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation this past weekend! The children did a wonderful job preparing for this day. Please contact Dawn Selda as soon as possible if your child missed their First Reconciliation on Saturday or if they did not submit their passport for review this weekend. Class visits will continue in the spring in preparation for First Holy Communion. Below are the dates set for the 2023 First Communions.

Public/Private/Other Catholic

• Saturday May 13th at 10:00am

St. Andre Bessette

• Saturday May 13th at 10:00am

Virtual School

• Saturday May 13th at 10:00am

St. Patrick

• Saturday May 13th at 1:00pm

St. Francis de Sales

• Saturday May 27th at 10:00am

St. Josephine Bakhita

• Saturday May 27th at 10:00am

St. Jude

• Saturday May 27th at 1:00pm

St. Catherine of Siena

• Saturday May 27th at 1:00pm

CONFIRMATION

Just a friendly reminder, your Letter of Intent is now due and passports should have been submitted last week. If neither document has been submitted, please do so as soon as possible. All classes will be in person at the church. Candidates, please ensure all homework is completed prior to your return to the class. Thank you for continuing to wait for Father to leave before going to get your passports stamped. Should you have any absences, or if you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino.

God Bless.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE YOUTH

On behalf of all the youth going to camp, we would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity during our fundraiser. Thanks to you, we were able to raise over \$2000 to help offset the cost of camp. God Bless you all!

St. Francis de Sales Parish Statement of Operations For The Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 2022 2021 Variance RECEIPTS Church Receipts Sunday Offering \$ 563.119 428,802 \$ 134,317 Easter & Christmas and other collections 37,732 47.733 (10,001)Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, Mass Offerings 48,065 39,420 8,646 **Total Church Receipts (Note 1)** 648,916 515,954 \$ 132,961 Other Parish Programs 67,726 51,546 16,180 Other Donations and Interest Revenue 2,998 2,344 654 Federal Wage Subsidy (Note 2) 6,403 61,612 (55,209)Sundry Receipts 89,598 68,930 20,668 Mortgage 68,680 59,782 8,898 **Building Fund** 53,960 33,823 20,137 Family of Faith Parish Share Revenue (Notes 3) 95,753 6,375 89,378 Family of Faith Parish Fund Redeemed (Note 4) 103,210 14,328 88,882 Special Collection Receipts 79,353 49,820 29,533 Total Receipts for the Period \$ 1,216,596 864,513 \$ 352,083 **PAYMENTS** Church Payments Salaries & Benefits \$ 297,625 317,461 (19,836 Church Operational 171,407 169,743 1,664 **Total Church Payments** 487,204 | \$ (18,172) 469,032 Rectory Expenses 24.220 25.947 (1,727)Assessment Payments (Note 5) 100,201 80,315 19,886 Other Parish Programs 41,052 10,839 30,213 Sundry Expenses 30,982 18,364 12,618 Major Renovations (Note 6) 59,238 1,783 57,456 Special Collection Payments 79,353 49,820 29,533 **Chancery Investment (Note 7)** 113,197 113,197 Family of Faith Funds used (Note 8) 95,753 29,520 66,233 Mortgage Interest Payments 3,988 1,696 2,293 Mortgage Principal Payment (Note 9) 181,519 125,045 56,474 Total Payments for the Period \$ 1,198,535 830,532 \$ 368,004 EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS 33,981 \$ (15,921) \$ 18.061

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OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF MORTGAGE LOAN

St. Francis de Sales Parish

Notes to Statement of Operations

Note 1

Increased amount received due to Church reopening and attendance slowly returning. Amounts were approximately 88% of pre-covid 19 receipts

Note 2

The Federal Government Wage Subsidy ended 2021. This was our last outstanding receipt

Note 3

Amount includes 2022 receipt of \$94,773.71 (for June 30 2020 to Dec. 31 2021) and Interest of \$979.59 and Our Campaign ended in March 2022, we are still waiting final distribution.

Note 4

Family of Faith Investment Account we redeemed \$103,210.

Note 5

Increase in Offertory resulted in increase in the Assessment. Since 2021 we are now assessed at 15%.

Note 6

Majority of this was costs related to re-shingling of the dome roof.

Note 7

Parish purchased \$100,000 investment with the Archdiocese.

Parish obtained permission to retain Building Fund Receipts for Nov. 2022 to June 2023.

The Archdiocese requires these funds (\$13,197, including interest) to be retained in an Investment Account.

Note 8

The Archdiocese requires 50% of amount received from Family of Faith (\$47,38.86) to be applied against outstanding loans

An additional \$55,823 was used for repair to the Domed Roof.

Note 8

Mortgage Offertory, Family of Faith funds, and surplus from Bulletin Revenue & Sacramental Revenues.

Prepared by St. Francis de Sales Parish Finance Council



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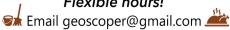
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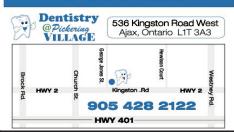


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