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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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to Serve?

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We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

If you are a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church in full communion with the Church and at least 18 years of age, please pray and reflect upon whether you are being called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion. For further details, please contact the office. Volunteering for this ministry includes a formal application process with training.

Highlights of personal qualifications and traits

- Demonstrates maturity and sound judgement
- Recognized within parish community as a person of good reputation and love for the Eucharist
- Regularly attends and participates in the Mass at the parish
- Committed to prayer, gospel values and growth in personal holiness
- Understands the sacredness of the Eucharistic encounter

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 16 JANUARY

**9:00 AM S.I. MARIA DEMEDIROS
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+ ALFRED SINGH**

TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY *St Anthony, Abbott*

**9:00 AM + NILIA GRIMALT
+ ANGELITA VERA-CRUZ**

WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY

**9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ RICHARD PEDROZO
+ ADEL KHALIFE**

THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY

**9:00 AM + BISHOP EDMUNDO ABAYA
+ RENE AMUNDO**

FRIDAY, 20 JANUARY *St's Fabian & Sebastian*

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY *St Agnes*

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

**5:00 PM + ANNA HENRIQUES
+ JOSE ANTONIO MOURA**

SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

**10:15 AM + ANTONIO RIVERA
+ SAMUEL & ISABEL KAISER
+ EDITH & EDWIN FERNANDES**

**12:00 PM + MARGARITA R. PASCUAL
+ BENJAMIN STONE
+ JENNY SEQUIRA**

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Sunday Offertory envelopes. **If you still have 2020 – 2022 envelopes, we ask that you get discard them.** If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP



We are looking for volunteers to assist our priests and deacon with Baptism. Baptisms occur two Sundays a month. If you would like to assist with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.



The Catholic Women's League cordially invites all seniors to their monthly Seniors' Luncheon. Join us following a celebration of Mass at 11:30 am on **January 18, 2023**, at St Francis de Sales for a meal and some activities as we celebrate the New Year. **Contact Elizabeth P. Joseph at 905-427-6244 for further information.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, January 22, 2023 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
(73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9)

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

VOCATIONS



“St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? **Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

What's the most important part of the Popemobile?

- *The 'catholic'-converter!*



Quote from St Agnes: Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.

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REFLECTION

On this weekend, when the Church in Canada celebrates Epiphany, we continue to look at this Christmas connection with Easter. Epiphany, believe it or not, is an older celebration that Christmas Day in the liturgical history of the Church. Epiphany is still part of the Christmas season.

We read in St. Matthew’s Gospel of the visit of the Gentile Magi to the Baby Jesus. When these mysterious visitors arrived at King Herod’s court, they ask, “*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?*” (Mt 2:2).

Jewish people would not style their leader as King of the Jews but as King of Israel. King of the Jews is something only a Gentile would say.

Towards the end of this life, Jesus would have a sign placed above His head on the Cross entitled: “King of the Jews” as the Gentile Pontius Pilate commanded it to be written. Jesus was even mocked by the Gentile soldiers as King of the Jews when they placed a crown of thorns on His head.

Back to Epiphany. After the Magi visited the Holy Family in Bethlehem, these Gentile visitors were advised in a dream not to return to King Herod.

In Jerusalem, when Jesus was tried by Pontius Pilate, it was his own Gentile wife, who was warned in a dream not to do anything with Jesus; “*Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him*” (Mt 27:19). (Pontius Pilate’s wife, Claudia Procla is considered a saint in the Church as she was the only one to stand up for Christ during His trial).

And, of course, the gift of Myrrh given to the Baby Jesus, was also used in those days as an embalming spice at burial.



Happy New Year to all of the youth of our parish! We hope everyone had a safe and happy return to school. High School students are invited to attend a collaboration

students are invited to attend a collaboration night with St. Isaac Jogues on January 21 for our first Life Teen of 2023! Additional registration is required to attend this life night. Please visit @sfdsyouth on Instagram for more information. The night is free, dinner will be provided and we will have spectacular guest speakers! Edge will start up again on Fri. Jan 27. We hope to see you there!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

I pray that all the children had a happy and healthy return to school after the Christmas break. The children will continue to prepare for their two very special Sacraments in January. Please see below for the class starts dates and please review the Sacramental schedule on the back of your child’s passport for the upcoming First Reconciliation date and second passport review.

First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation classes at our 6 Parish schools:

These classes will begin the week of January 16th and 23rd. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children from our 6 Parish schools in class.

RCIC Classes at the Parish:

Classes will resume on Saturday January 28th at the Parish, for all the children attending Public/Private schools, Other Catholic schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless.

CONFIRMATION

Classes will begin either on Sunday, Jan 15 from 4pm – 6pm or Monday, Jan 16 from 7pm – 9pm, depending on which day your child has been assigned. All classes will be in person at the church. Please review the class expectations documents prior to your arrival. If you did not pick up your Confirmation class book after confession, they will be waiting for you on your first day of class in the church. If you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino.

God Bless.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Baby Bottle Boomerang drive has ended. Please return the bottles on January 14/15 or January 21/22 at the Saturday evening Mass or the Sunday morning Mass.

The proceeds raised for this event will be given to **THE ROSE OF DURHAM (Young Parents Support Division) OSHAWA.**



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



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