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Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
SUNDAY 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

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*"The Measure of Love,
is Love without Measure"*
— Saint Francis de Sales

Life Chain

Give 1 hour of your Life to help save a child's Life

An annual event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being.

Join parishioners on Sunday, October 1, 2023

Location: corner of Kingston Rd./East of Westney Rd. N.

Time: 2-3p.m.

Please consider supporting young parents who embrace life by donating to charities such as Rose of Durham.

What to expect if you attend:
An organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and let you select a non-graphic sign. Messages to choose from include "Abortion hurts women", "Life, the first inalienable right", "Abortion kills children", and "Adoption, the loving option". Participants stand socially distant from each other along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, visit: www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain



Life begins at conception.
Be a witness to God's truth.

Bundle Up Sunday

for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

October 14 – 15, 2023

Drop-off donations at:
1001 Ravenscroft Rd. Ajax
(East parking lot at St. Francis de Sales Parish)

Charity Drive



Scan to Learn More about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul


✓ACCEPTED

- ✓All Clothing (Any condition)
- ✓All Footwear (Any condition)
- ✓Bedding (Any condition)
- ✓Drapery/Towels
- ✓Toys (NEW only)



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER *The Holy Guardian Angels*
9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED
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TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER
9:00 AM S.I. FATHER JOHN BOOS
 + BARBARA BODINGTON
 + BASIL RICHARD

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER *St. Francis of Assisi*
9:00 AM + RECARIDO ABITAL
 + CONRAD JAMES

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER *St. Faustina*
9:00 AM S.I. SUNITHA THOMAS
 + JOSEPHINE GERBIS

FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER *St. Bruno*
7:00 PM S.I. FR. DEREK ALI
 S.I. MIA ALISON RAPOSO
 + DUARTE RAPOSO

SATURDAY, 7 OCTOBER *Our Lady of the Rosary*
9:00 AM S.I. JONATHAN BURAGA
 + BENIGNO JUMAO-AS

5:00 PM + STEPHEN CHOU
 + ALEX & CELINE BERESFORD-HUEY
 + DAVID JOSE

SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER
8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING

10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM S.I. GEORGE & DOLLY POBLETE
 + ESTRELLA FRANCA

7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

There was a collection for Truth & Reconciliation this weekend, 30 September/1 October. Envelopes can be obtained from the hymn racks. For Archbishop Leo's letter on this topic, please visit our website or click [here](#).



The Rosary Apostolate is seeking people who have a great devotion to the Mother of God, who have a great love for the Rosary, and who are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of 8 days a year. The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting classrooms for 27 years. They are a great inspiration to our students! Training, screening, and materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Teresa at mteresadamelio@gmail.com or at 647-200-9315

SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY

Calling all Spring Cleaners! The St. Vincent de Paul society will be collecting gently used clothing and linens on the weekend of October 14/15. You can drop off your items at the truck that will be located in the east parking lot. Please note they are not accepting any appliances, furniture, mattresses or dishes.



Please join us on Sunday October 1st to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation, to partner our love and protection with God for local preborns and to witness for the millions lost in Canada through abortion. There are two locations in Ajax:

Bayly St. and Harwood Ave S. in front of St. Bernadette's Church from 2pm-3pm. Contact Jim & Mary Psihogios at 905-686-3508.

Kingston Rd., East of Westney Rd. N from 2pm to 3pm. Contact Sandra Strikwerda at 905-683-8504.



Do you or someone you know have a business you would like to advertise in our church bulletin? We would love to have you! Limited space is available. For details, please email: bulletins.sfds@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



Please note, for 1 October & 8 October, there will be **no 7pm Sunday Mass**.



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

I'm engaged and my fiancé(e) is not Catholic. Does he or she have to convert so that I can be married in the Catholic Church?

No, your fiancé(e) does not have to convert to Catholicism for you to be married in the Catholic Church.

I'm engaged to a divorced person. Is that a problem for me to get married in the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church has no problem in a couple getting a divorce. In some instances, where there is abuse of different sorts, a civil divorce is needed to protect the vulnerable party and children. It is the re-marriage after the divorce that is problematic.

Jesus taught that to remarry after divorce is adultery: *"...whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery"* (Mt 5:32).

In the eyes of the civil law, the couple no longer exist as a married couple. In the eyes of the Church, even after a civil divorce, the couple's marriage is still seen as a valid until proven otherwise.

What then is this Annulment thing that the Church offers?

An annulment is not the same as divorce. While civil divorce looks at the purported end of marriage, an annulment looks at the purported beginning of marriage. Our understanding of annulments is that from the above quote from Jesus: "... unless the marriage is unlawful..." (Mt 5:32). An annulment is declared based on something that is objectively wrong with the marriage from the time vows were exchanged at the altar. A civil divorced person, Catholic or non-Catholic would need an annulment before marrying a Catholic person in Church.

Why get married in the Catholic Church?

Marriage was made in the Image and Likeness of God. Marriage reveals the inner life of God: namely an inter-penetration of persons, the ultimate end for which we will have with God. Marriage between one man and one woman is God's design; marriage is linked with one's salvation.

We already have that inter-penetration of person with God most especially in Holy Communion. The sexual act is seen as sacred because it too is a holy common union between husband and wife.

Sacrament Registration for First Reconciliation/Communion & Confirmation

We are so excited to begin another sacramental year! It has been so nice to see all of our sacramental families over the last couple weeks for the First Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation meetings. These meetings are mandatory for your child to receive their sacrament for the 2023/2024 year. **If you missed the above meetings, we will have one final make-up meeting on Thursday October 12th at 7:00pm, at the Parish for both First Communion and Confirmation.** Please contact Dawn Selda if you will be attending for First Communion and Noah Aquino if you will be attending for Confirmation. **If you attended the registration meeting already but did not submit your child's registration forms yet, please ensure you communicate with the coordinators to arrange a time to drop off the forms.** Your child's passport will be given once all forms are received. Please remember to pick up a bulletin and have your child have that stamped at the passport stamping table until your child receives their passport

We are looking forward to seeing all of the children and their families at Mass, as they prepare for these very special sacraments!

God Bless, Dawn Selda and Noah Aquino

First Reconciliation/Communion & Confirmation Make-up Meeting	Paperwork Required
Thursday October 12 th at 7 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed registration form 2. Copy of your child's Baptismal certificate 3. Registration fee <p>For Confirmation the following is also required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Sponsor's paper work which includes a copy of <u>sponsor's Baptism AND Confirmation certificates</u>



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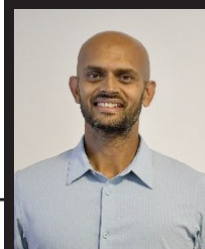
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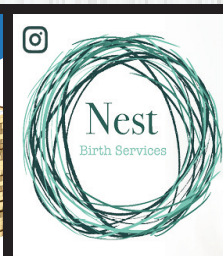




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