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World Mission Sunday

October 22, 2023



You shall be my witnesses.

- Acts 1:18

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 | 7:00 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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URGENTLY NEEDED

FOR THE 12 NOON & 7PM SUNDAY MASSES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion serves the Eucharistic life of the community by assisting the Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (bishops, priests, and deacons) during the Communion Rite.

Highlights of Experience and Traits Required:



- Fully initiated member of the Catholic Church in full communion with the Church.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Demonstrates maturity and sound judgement.
- 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.
- Willing to develop skills of gracious movement and a consciousness of body language.

Liturgical Hospitality: Greeters and Ushers NEEDED

Duties Include:

- Welcome parishioners, be attentive to newcomers, children, the elderly and those with special needs
- Receive collections, and seat late arrivals and persons with disabilities
- Assist in the movement of the assembly during Holy Communion
- Carry the collection up (in pairs) when gifts are being presented and ensures its security
- Assist with the departure of the assembly



To learn more, please call Vanessa Lowing: 905-683-1403, ext. 103

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER *St John of Capistrano*

9:00 AM + ANTONIO SILVA

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER *St. Anthony*

9:00 AM S.I. ALBERT CHUNG

+ WILLARD ANTHONY AMARAL

+ GNANAPRAGASAN, LOURDES & ANOJA
STANISLAUS

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER

9:00 AM + WENDELL NEWALLO

+ KATHLEEN GRAY

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER

9:00 AM + VERNON FERNANDES

+ JIMMY SUARLY

+ IRENE BARROBA

FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER

7:00 PM S.I. CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

+ CIRIACA QUEJADA MANALO

+ PAUL CLEMENTS

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER *Sts. Simon & Jude*

9:00 AM + ALFRED CHOW

+ NICHOLAS D'ROZARIO

+ MANUEL PALAD

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER

8:30 AM S.I. SANDRA & CORNEL DEMONTE

+ STAN KRUPICZ

+ ANIL SAMAROO

10:15 AM + ANTONIO & MARIA SOUSA

+ NOEL VIOLA

+ MANUELA LEDERA

12:00 PM + CARMEN POBLETE JOSE

+ ZENAIDA ROBLES

7:00 PM + PACIANO BINALLA SR.

+ LUISA CAJA



Please note, the 7pm Mass on Friday 3 November will be moved to 9am. Holy Hour will follow from 9:30am to 10:30am.



On Thursday 2 November we will be celebrating the **All Souls Mass** at 9am and 7pm. The names of the deceased who have died from our parish this past year will be read aloud at the 7 pm mass. Special envelopes for the deceased are available in the foyer. These envelopes are to be deposited with a donation and the name of your deceased loved ones in the offertory box in front of the pulpit. The deceased will be remembered throughout November.

THE 2023 BISHOP'S ALTAR SERVER AWARD



The Bishop's Altar Server Award is an award that acknowledges and celebrates our youth's constant willingness to serve both the Lord and our parish community in a reverent and faith-filled manner. We would like to recognize and thank our four altar servers who received this year's award. A big congratulations goes out to:

- Adrian F.
- Jaime F.
- Khloe L.
- Karlene A.

Our Altar Server ministry continues to flourish. If you are in grade 3 or up and have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, we would love to have you join our ministry. If you are interested, please email Kelly at altarservers.sfds@gmail.com for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE



Our Knights of Columbus are organizing a **Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive** to benefit the local food banks in Durham Region. Food collection will end October 28th/29th weekend.

We accept donations of non-perishable food. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, honey, peanut butter, jam, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, pasta and juice boxes. Please leave the donated items in the bins located in the foyer.

Every donation of food helps.

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

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I am a Catholic, yet the parish sometimes gives me a hard time because my baptismal certificate says I'm a Melkite Catholic. Why?

In the Catholic Church, we have many Rites. To explain what a Rite in the Catholic Church is, think of a political map of Canada.

Canada is divided up into 10 provinces, each with its own Premier, who speaks only for his/her province. Over and above these provinces is the Prime Minister, who speaks and rules for the whole of Canada.

In the Catholic Church we have 22 provinces. These provinces are known as rites. Each rite supposedly has its own Patriarch who speaks for his own Rite. The Latin Rite of the Catholic Church is headquartered in Rome by the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. The Pope, however wears 2 hats; he is not only the head of the Latin Rite but also the "Prime Minister" of the whole Catholic Church.

The patriarch of each rite expects certain things of their own followers. For example, if a Syro-Malabar Rite couple has a baby, the patriarch of that rite expects that that baby should be baptized in a Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. This is not a policy of any individual priest or of the parish office or of our Toronto Chancery. And as such, there are times when baptism or marriage is put forward, we have to forward the couple to a parish which serves their own Rite.

So, does that mean that as an Eastern Rite Catholic, I can't attend Mass at a Latin rite Parish?

Yes, you can still attend a Latin rite parish and receive Holy Communion and Confession. Some of our *Confirmandi*, upon handing in their baptismal certificates, are unaware that some of them may have been confirmed on the very day of their baptism. Furthermore, if that is the case, we cannot confirm them again as Confirmation can only be received once. Some of those Rites also give their newly baptized their first Communion sacrament. Hence, we also have to alert parents belonging to the eastern rites that their child has already received Holy Communion.

What are these Catholic Rites?

They are: Coptic, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Armenian, Albanian, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Byzantine, Macedonian, Hungarian, Melkite, Romanian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Chaldean, Syro-Malabar, Maronite, Syro-Malankara, Syriac and Latin. Please note that these Rites are different than the Orthodox rite churches.



We are so excited to begin another sacramental year!

The 2023/2024 Sacramental registration is now closed!

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.

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. **All outstanding documents must be submitted by October 27 to be registered for this year's sacraments.**

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

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY



Are you or your child currently in Gr 6-8?

Do you love to have fun, have delicious snacks and are curious about learning more about the faith? Come to our Edge nights every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month! Our first Edge night is October 27th and we're

kicking it off with a Halloween party! Please come dressed in costume or black and orange. To register, please visit our parish website and the cost of the program is only \$30! For any questions or inquiry, please contact Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com.

God Bless!



St. Anthony, lover of the least and lowly, you reached out to the sick with a generous and compassionate heart. Please be with me at this time of ill health, and accompany me as I face this sickness and all the uncertainties of infirmity. Help me experience God's healing power through your prayers, as well as my own.

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