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*"The Measure of Love,
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– Saint Francis de Sales

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 24 APRIL *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

9:00 AM + SALAMATI
+ FIDELIS & CHARLOTTE MONTEIRO
+ PATRICK PAGESIBIGAN

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL *St Mark, Evangelist*

9:00 AM S.I. MICHAEL VIECHWEG
+ MARCELO RUY UY

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL

9:00 AM + JOSE DO REGO OLIVEIRA
+ VERNON FERNANDES

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE
+ FRANK BAROBA

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL *Sts Peter & Louis de Montfort*

7:00 PM + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY, 29 APRIL *St Catherine of Siena*

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE ANTONY
FAMILY
+ JOAN LOVERY

5:00 PM + TERESA D'SILVA
+ SIMON & CHRISTALINE FERNANDES
+ VALERIE BODDAERT

SUNDAY, 30 APRIL

8:30 AM + SANDRA KRUPICZ
+ ROY JNO-BAPTISTE & CLIFFORD JNO-
BAPTISTE
+ FANCINA ANTHONY

10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR TRISTEN &
RENEE FERNANDES
S.I. ETHAN PARKER

12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
7:00 PM + ROSA BARRERA

ShareLife

Our Share Life contribution total for 2022 was \$71,679.39, which was 103% of our goal of \$69,000. Our suggested ShareLife goal for 2023 is \$77,700. We will have another Share Life collection on 29/30 April. **To date, our total Share Life donation is \$17,730 which is 23% of our goal.** We thank-you for your generosity.

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP

A 5-day Catholic Leadership camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience where you can grow to be a leader in your community and the parish

Who: Students currently in Grade's 9 – 12.

When: August 23 - 27, 2023

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Cost: \$475 (before April 30 early bird deadline) / \$525 until from May 1-31 (last day to register)

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MARRIAGE & COMMUNION

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest.

If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. Every step of the way to Heaven is Heaven."

- St. Catherine of Siena



A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day?

Try out this joke.

What type of bird should you never take to the bank?

- A Rob-in!



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REFLECTION

Jesus and the apostles did appeal to Scripture, and we should mention how the term was used in Jesus' day. The Greek word *graphê* originally just meant writing, especially a brief piece of writing, but in Jewish and Christian contexts it came to mean a holy writing, which is why it is often translated *scripture*.

Today we use this term to refer to the entire collection of holy books, saying things like, "Scripture contains the Old and the New Testaments." But in the first century, when the term was used in the singular, it normally referred to a *specific* book or passage. Thus, in Mark 12:10, Jesus says:

Have you not read this scripture: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?

The passage Jesus is quoting ("this scripture") is Psalm 118:22-23. By contrast, when people wanted to refer to *all* the holy writings as a group, they used the plural: "the scriptures." Thus, Jesus tells his Sadducee critics they are wrong, "because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God" (Matt. 22:29).

Christians initially used this term for writings composed in the Old Testament period, for these were the only holy books at the time. Even when they began writing the books of the New Testament, they used "the scriptures" as a technical term for the earlier holy books. There are a few exceptions, such as when Paul refers to Luke's Gospel as "scripture" (1 Tim. 5:18; see Luke 10:7) or when Peter lists Paul's letters alongside "the other scriptures" (2 Pet. 3:16), but referring to the books of the New Testament as "Scripture" really didn't catch on until the second century.

Jesus overturned many common religious ideas of his day, but he didn't challenge the authority of Scripture. As the incarnate Word of God, he acknowledged the authority of the written word. Thus, he declared, "Not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished" (Matt. 5:17); and, "Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

Jesus saw his ministry as fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. At the Triumphal Entry, Jesus rode a young donkey in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9 (see John 12:14-15); and when he was arrested, he declared, "All this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled" (Matt. 26:56). Following the Resurrection, he spoke with two disciples, and "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

(Taken from Catholic Answers)



CONFIRMATION

Wishing all of our Confirmandi families a Happy and Blessed Easter! The **Confirmation Schedule is posted below** and the Confirmation page on our parish website. An email was sent out regarding the rehearsals and attire for our Confirmandi. All confirmation classes are now complete. A big **"Thank-you"** to everyone for your participation, especially our catechists for their time and talents. Passport stamping will continue until the end of June to fully complete the Confirmation process. If you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino. God Bless!

Monday, April 24 @ 7pm

- St. Josephine Bakhita
- St. Catherine of Siena
- St Francis de Sales

Tuesday, April 25 @ 7pm

- St. André Bessette
- Other Catholic Schools
- Virtual
- Public/Private

Wednesday, April 26 @ 7pm

- St. Patrick
- St. Jude

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have begun to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion and continue our class visits to our 6 Parish schools. Please refer to the RCIC preparation schedule if your child attends a Public School, Other Catholic School or is in grade 3-6.

-We have a First Communion dress available if anyone is interested, please let Mrs. Selda know. Please see the parish website for a reminder of the rehearsal and First Communion dates.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do **not** park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply.



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



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