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DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SATURDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm

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
Anytime by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Holy Hour: FRIDAY 6pm - 7pm

Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Liturgical Ministries

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Ministries that serve the parish or extended community:

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Legion of Mary
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Development & Peace

"The Measure of Love, is Love without Measure"

St. Francis de Sales

November 11-12, 2023

After the 5pm Saturday Mass and all Sunday Masses

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

Will be selling unique hand-carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families living in Bethlehem.

We are pleased to announce that on November 11-12, 2023, Sebastien Cardinal from "Handicraft Holy Land Christians" will be visiting our parish.

Sebastien will briefly describe the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. In addition, he will convey the urgent need for our prayers, as well as our tangible support. Available for purchase will be many unique hand carved religious art pieces, crafted from olive wood, and made by families living in Bethlehem. The purchase of these items is a beautiful way to connect with the Holy Land, express our faith through giving meaningful gifts, and support to a local economy that helps keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. ATHURSH VAITHILINGAM
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+ TOMASO VITALE

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. SHARON SOARES
S.I. ANNE & SEBASTIAN MANOHARAM
+ ANTONIO M. CARVALHO

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. JOHN & TERRI BELFOUR & FAMILY
+ SRIMATHI DIAS
+ JAIME SOARES

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

9:00 AM S.I. HENRIETTA CLEMENTS
S.I. MAUREEN & ANTON PREMNATH
+ STEPHANIE GERMAIN

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER *St Leo the Great*

7:00 PM + VITTORIA TROVATO
+ MR. & MRS. PETER
+ JOSEPH ALBERT

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER *St. Martin of Tours*

9:00 AM S.I. MARY MARTIS
S.I. GLENDA CHONG
+ JIM STRIKWERDA
5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO DIVINE MERCY &
MOTHER MARY
+ CAJI FERNANDES
+ PETER FERNANDES

SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

8:30 AM + ALICE ALEMAO
+ HERMINIGILDO & ISABEL ESTERON
+ RON BELTON
10:15 AM + ROSIE DEL ROSARIO ONG
+ ANGELICA RIVERA
+ SILVIO SAPONARAR & MARIO VIGNA
12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
7:00 PM + PHILIP INGHAM

PARKING – FIRE ROUTES



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.

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Francis de Sales will have it's annual Advent Confession Night Tuesday 19 December from 7 – 10 PM. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas. There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday 23 December.



There will be a second collection on 18/19 November for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org



CHRISTMAS

Carol Concert

DEC 1ST, 2023 FRIDAY

7:00 PM ~ 9:30 PM

Tickets on Sale Starting Nov11th/12th
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Saints died. So, isn't praying to them necromancy, which the Bible condemns?

Necromancy is the occult practice of inquiring into the future or attempting to influence persons and events by communicating with the spirits of the dead. A biblical example is King Saul's conjuring the spirit of the deceased prophet Samuel through a medium at Endor (1 Sam. 28:3-19; see Deut. 18:10-12). The Catholic Church categorically condemns these practices, collectively known as "divination," because they are done apart from God and because of a lack of trust in God, as Saul shows in explaining why he sought Samuel's counsel. Divination also includes magic and sorcery, "by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others" (CCC 2117). Praying to the saints is something wholly different. In response to the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead, Jesus proclaims that those who die in God's fellowship live on in God, versus coming back to life only when their bodies and souls are reunited at the end of time: *"Have you not read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living"* (Matt. 22:31-32). That's why Jesus could converse with Moses and Elijah—who had died many years before—at the Transfiguration, a miraculous event that only Sts. Peter, James, and John were privileged to witness (Matt. 17:1-8). The Transfiguration is not a divine exception to necromancy, but rather an interaction with the faithful departed that conforms with God's will, including because the spirits are in communion with Jesus. Similarly, St. Paul teaches that all Christians are intimately united in Christ's mystical body, without making any exception for those who have died: *"For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another"* (Rom. 12:4-5). Indeed, death cannot separate us from "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39, emphasis added). And since we are one body in Christ Jesus, death cannot separate us from one another (see 1 Cor. 12:12). St. John provides clarifying insight in the book of Revelation. In his vision of heaven, St. John writes, *"the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints"* (Rev. 5:8). Because they are elders, these people must be Christians who have died and are now in heaven. And John presents them as mediating the prayers of the saints on earth in concert with Jesus, the one mediator, because the elders present the bowls filled with prayers to Christ the Lamb.

And because they are united with Jesus in heaven, the intercessory prayers of these "spirits of just men made perfect" (Heb. 12:23) are efficacious for Christian life (see CCC 2683), whereas practicing necromancy most certainly is not.

(Taken from <https://cdn.catholic.com/wp-content/uploads/20-Answers-Rosary-1.pdf>)



FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We are looking forward to seeing all the children during the upcoming enrollment weekends. Please note that the enrollment weekends (this is when the children will receive their blessed crosses) will take place on **November 25/26th for Confirmation** and **December 2/3rd for First Communion**. Please attend the Mass time that works best for your family. An update email has been sent to all of our sacramental families this week and further information regarding the sacramental preparation classes will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

We are looking forward to another beautiful sacramental year!

God Bless, Dawn Selda & Noah Aquino!

Registration is now closed for the 2023/2024 Sacramental Year!



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..." (Mt 19:14). The Children's Liturgy resumes **SUNDAY** at the 10:15am Mass. The Children's Liturgy is a vibrant ministry for children in JK, SK, and Grade 1, where the Liturgy of the Word is presented to children in a way that is fun and easy to understand. We invite our youngest parishioners to come together for their own Liturgy of the Word, activities and prayer!

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



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