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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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 is Love without Measure"*
 – Saint Francis de Sales

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Are you being called to SERVE?

Baptism Prep Program Volunteers NEEDED



Baptism is an initiation into the Paschal Mystery and life in a community of faith. Baptismal Preparation Team Members are called to help to prepare for the gathering of parents, assisting with the preparation sessions and providing hospitality and a welcoming environment at the Baptism Ceremony.

A child's journey to God begins with Baptism

Liturgical Hospitality: Greeters and Ushers NEEDED

Duties Include:

- Welcome parishioners, be attentive to newcomers, children, the elderly and those with special needs
- Hand out hymnals, 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
- Carry out other functions as requested by the Pastor and/or Pastoral Team



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

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 30 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. BENJAMIN BURAGA
+ ALFRED SINGH
+ MELANIE RABOT & VICENTE
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TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY *St John Bosco*

9:00 AM + SWARNA PERERA
+ LUCIA PIPPO
+ EDITH TOLENTINO

WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. MARIA LOPES
S.I. RENEE MOSES
+ BENJAMIN STONE

THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY *The Presentation of the Lord*

9:00 AM + UNA & EDWARD MARECHEAU

FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE
RAMASURIYA FAMILY

SATURDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

5:00 PM S.I. KERRY MOSES

SUNDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM + GEORGE HERON

10:15 AM + DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE
CWL
+ MICHELLE LYM

12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

7:00 PM + FANNY ARGELIA KAA

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Sunday Offertory envelopes. **If you still have 2020 – 2022 envelopes, we ask that you 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.

KofC SAMSOSA SALE

The Knights of Columbus are having a samosa sale on the weekend of February 4/5 after all of the Masses. Samosa's will be on sale for \$5. Please stop by to enjoy some savory treats.



Calling all CWL members! Please join us for our first Sunday CWL monthly Mass on February 5th at 10:15 AM. This Mass has been offered in memory of Michelle Lym, a past CWL sister on the 5th Anniversary of her passing. Mass is also being offered all deceased family members of the CWL. There is a general meeting on February 8th following Mass at 7 PM.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

DCDSB Kindergarten Registration opened January 12, 2023. Begin your child's journey at the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)! Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten or 5 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 2/Senior Kindergarten.

“Do not put off till tomorrow the good that you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow”.

- St. John Bosco



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

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

- *Frosted Flakes or Ice Crispies!*



“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength”

- St. Francis de Sales

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REFLECTION

We continue this weekend looking at the second Beatitude as given by Dr. Peter Kreeft.

“Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

The mourners here that Jesus is speaking of are not of people who mourn and lament over the death of friends and/or family, or over the loss of temporal riches or possessions, but those who mourn that God is so often offended, so little loved and honored by men, that so many souls, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, are lost. [8] Jesus shows the perfect example of this in the eighth station of the cross by meeting the women of Jerusalem. The tears shed on the account of sin are useful, and “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Envy resents another’s happiness (the opposite of mourning, which shares another’s unhappiness). [10] We should strive to rejoice with one another and share in happiness, and show compassion when another is suffering. It is evil to rejoice when someone fails or is in suffering. It is evil to be sad when another succeeds or experiences joy. Laughing or rejoicing in another’s misfortune is an example of not living out the beatitude, “Blessed are they that mourn.”

The promise associated with this Beatitude is that those who mourn will be comforted. If we are in mourning now over the evil in the world, we know that this is not a permanent state and that Christ “will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

<https://linktoliturgy.com/the-beatitudes-part-1>



Our next Edge night will take place this Friday, Feb 10 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. This is open to all students in Gr 6-8. Snacks will be provided. **PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT EDGE RELATED!!** 😊

Our next Life Teen night will be on Feb 4 @ 7pm.

For any Youth related questions, please email youth.sfds@gmail.com.

God Bless



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Reconciliation preparation class visits have begun in all of our 6 Parish schools and the RCIC classes resumed this weekend at the Parish. It has been so nice to get to know your beautiful children. We are excited for them to receive their sacrament of First Reconciliation on February 25th at the Parish! Please see below for the times set for each of our school groups.

God Bless.

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
2022-2023**

First Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, February 25th at 10:00am	Saturday, February 25th at 1:00pm
St Jude	St Catherine of Siena
Durham Catholic Virtual Schools	Public/Private and Other Catholic Schools
St Patrick	St Josephine Bakhita
St Francis de Sales	St André Bessette

CONFIRMATION

Classes continue either on Sunday, Jan 29 from 4pm – 6pm or Monday, Jan 30 from 7pm – 9pm, depending on which day your child has been assigned. All classes will be in person at the church. Candidates, please ensure all homework is completed prior to your return to the class. Thank you for continuing to wait for Father to leave before going to get your passports stamped. Should you have any absences, or if you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino.

God Bless.

GRADE 8 PARENT NIGHT

CHANGE OF DATE: Families are invited to the Grade 8 Parent Night at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School on **Tuesday, January 31st**. The night will begin at 6:30 p.m. with self-guided tours and a meet and greet followed by a presentation in the theatre at 7:10 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!



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