



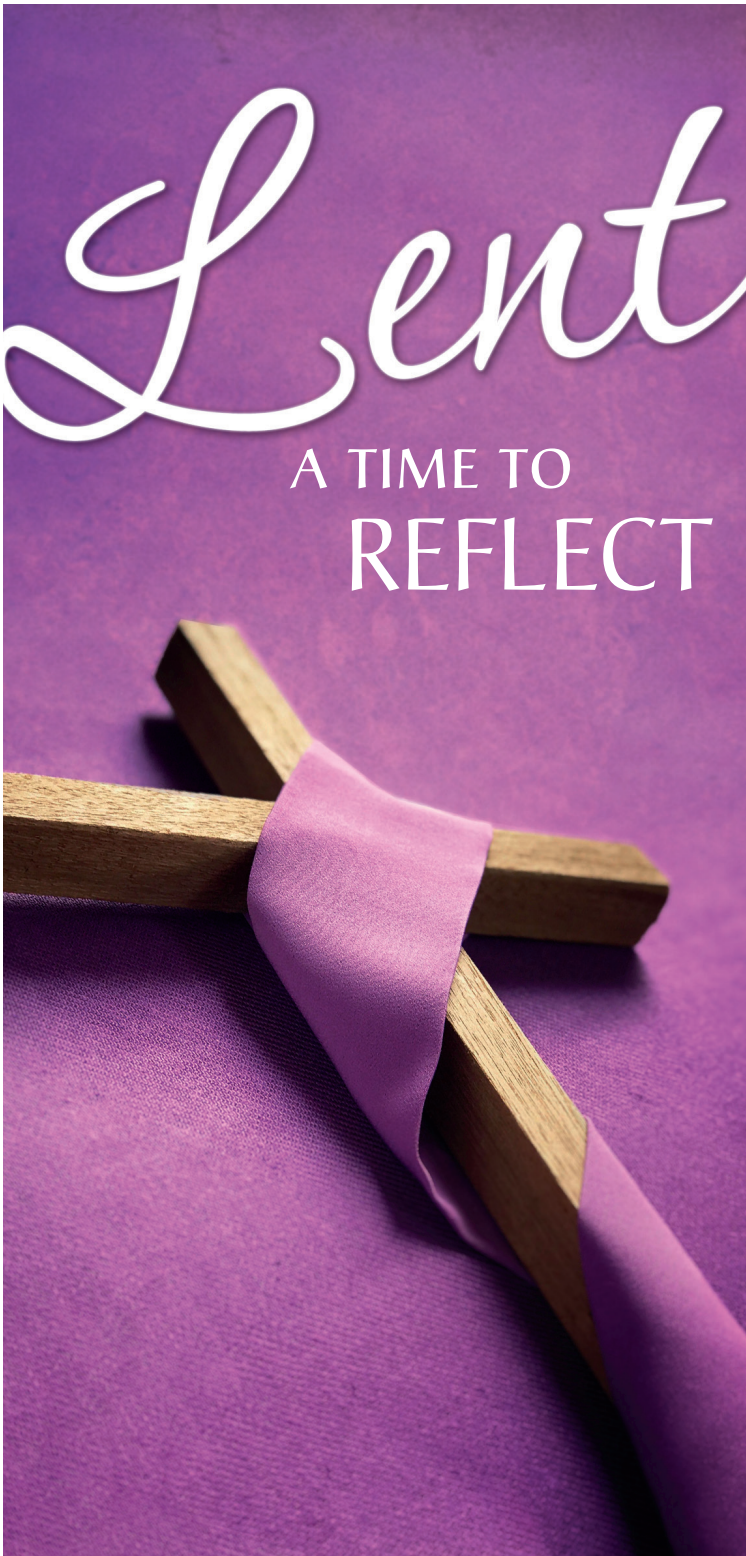
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### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 26th, 2023



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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# Reconciliation Night

March 28, 2023: 7pm-10pm



## Through **Grace** We Are Saved

Sit in silence, detach from worldly concerns, and invite the Holy Spirit to be with you. Ask God the Father to guide you, surrender to His love, listen to His Word, and pray for discernment. Reflect on how you have imitated Christ and when you have failed to do so. Know that Christ is within all people and reflect on how you have responded to them and their needs for it is said, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' Mt. - 25:46

Be ready to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

Be Ready – Be Reconciled - Be United with Christ

# Solemnity of the Annunciation

## MARY'S YES

Mary's "Let it be done to me" transforms the humble house of "her" being into God's House, becoming a Tabernacle of the Most High Jesus. All it took was her "Let it be done to me", a sign of her willingness, knowing she could trust in the action of the Holy Spirit. And God entered into history, accepting to "make" history in the lives of those who have said and who would say over and over again, "Let it be done to me".

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 27 MARCH

9:00 AM + MATHAI VT

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH

9:00 AM + LUCIAMMA K.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. ALEX MULLEN  
+ JONI T.

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR ANTON DIAS  
S.I. SAHAYARAJAH  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
SEMELHAGO & LEE FAMILIES

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH

6:30 PM S.I. JULIET LOWING

SATURDAY, 1 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JAIME FARIA

5:00 PM + JOHN CHOU

+ SHEILA CARMICHAEL  
+ FRANK IPHIL WILSON

SUNDAY, 2 APRIL

8:30 AM S.I. MARVIS MURRAY

10:15 AM S.I. OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

S.I. ENID VASQUEZ  
+ PEOFITA FERNANDEZ

12:00 PM + BENJAMIN STONE

+ PRECIOUS OGBUKA  
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7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

### LENTEN CONFESION NIGHT

On **Tuesday 28 March**, St Francis de Sales will have its annual Lenten Confession Evening from **7-10PM**. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity as it will be your last chance before the celebration of Holy Week.



### A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

How do spring flowers greet each other?

- "Hey, bud!"



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday - April 6 - NO 9 AM Mass**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:30pm**.

Adoration until **10:30pm**

**Good Friday - April 7 - NO 9 AM Mass**

**11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.**

Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.

**Stations of the Cross at 7 PM**

**Holy Saturday - April 8 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses**

Easter Vigil at **8:30 PM (no confession)**

**Easter Sunday (April 9)**

Masses **8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass**

### BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. **We will have a blessing of the Easter baskets on Saturday 8 April at 12:00oon.**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The K of C Council 6161 would like to sincerely thank all parishioners and friends for giving generously toward the Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive. A sum of \$2015 was collected through this initiative to date. Proceeds to be given to The Rose of Durham (Young Parents Support Division) Oshawa.

# 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**. The dates for our Share Life collection are March 26, April 30, and June 4.

We thank-you for your generosity.

*"Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."*

— St. Francis de Sales



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## REFLECTION

**I've been told the only thing necessary for a Catholic to live a moral life is for him to follow his conscience. Is that right?**

There's more to it than that. Conscience involves a judgment about what's right or wrong, but it doesn't work by magic. You first have to form your conscience. This means learning about good and evil, and that's a job for the intellect.

Many people think conscience is the faculty that tells us what's right and wrong. That's a mistake. Conscience is better thought of as an alarm. With your intellect, your mind, you learn what's right and wrong, and then conscience "sounds off" when you're about to violate the standards your intellect has learned. If you have no standards, you'll never hear the alarm because it won't sound.

But not neglecting the formation of your conscience isn't enough. You need to make sure not just that your conscience is formed, but that it's formed correctly. If it is, the moral judgments you make will be reliable. If it is not, your moral judgments won't be trustworthy.

For example, if you've been taught that stealing isn't wrong and if you really believe that, you won't have any inhibitions against stealing. Your conscience won't bother you when you steal because it isn't reliable when it comes to right and wrong. It's been formed, but not formed correctly.

It's true we have an obligation to follow our conscience, even a poorly formed or "erroneous" one, but we also have an obligation to form our consciences properly. For Catholics this means following what is taught in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted through the Magisterium of the Church.

**Taken from <https://www.catholic.com/qa/to-live-a-moral-life-is-it-enough-to-follow-your-conscience>**

## 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 April 15/16.** 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.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We will begin to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion in April and resume 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.

**Please see below for the attire for First Communion:**

**-Boys must wear a white shirt, no running shoes. A suit can be white or any other colour. Arm bands can be worn but are not essential.**

**-Girls can wear a white or off-white dress, if wearing a veil, they must not cover the face, no gloves, purses or rosary during the celebration.**

**-We have a First Communion dress available if anyone is interested, please let Mrs. Selda know.** Below are the dates set for the 2023 First Communions.

### **Public/Private/Other Catholic**

- Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### **St. Andre Bessette**

- Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### **Virtual School**

- Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### **St. Patrick**

- Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

### **St. Francis de Sales**

- Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### **St. Josephine Bakhita**

- Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

### **St. Jude**

- Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

### **St. Catherine of Siena**

- Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

## CONFIRMATION

Please view the Confirmation schedule on our Parish website. A kind reminder that all Confirmandi are expected as well as parents and sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend the **Lenten Confessions on March 28**. Also, ensure father has left the church before going to the passport table, **NOT** while he leaves the Altar. Candidates, please ensure all homework is completed prior to your return to the class. Should you have any absences, or if you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino.

God Bless.



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



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