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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"*
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TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY *St Paul Miki and Companions*
 9:00 AM + ALFRED SINGH

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY
 9:00 AM + ISABEL ALFONSO

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY *Sts Josephine Bakhita & Jerome*
 9:00 AM + CARMEN INAY
 + MANUEL IBARGUCHI
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THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY
 9:00 AM + ANTHONY FREDERICKS
 + ERMELINA MATEO BILOG

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY *St Scholastica*
 7:00 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 9:00 AM S.I. ZIANA DINESH
 5:00 PM + MARIA DE LURDES PEREIRA
 + JOSE DA SILVA TORRES

SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY
 8:30 AM + BERNARD ROSARIO
 + LEANN RODGERS
 +RONALDO KASIBAN

10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GALAPIN FAMILY
 + FALECIANO DACUYA
 + DARWIN BONDAD

12:00 PM + BENJAMIN JAMES STONE
 + MARIA LE THI LIEN
 + DAMINH LE VAN THAO

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

2022 TAX RECEIPTS



Attention Parishioners! **You will receive your 2022 Tax Receipts by mail on or before February 6, 2023.** If you do not receive your receipt by this date, please contact the parish office.

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.



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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.



**2023 Lift Jesus Higher Rally
 March 4, 2023**

Toronto Metro Convention Centre

Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. This year's conference theme is "Empowered to Stand".



Calling all women of the parish. Please come and join your sisters of the CWL at our General meeting 8 February beginning with Mass at 7 PM, followed by a meeting.



The Catholic Women's League cordially invites all seniors to their monthly Senior's Luncheon. Join us following a celebration of Mass at 11:30 a.m. on February 15, 2023 at St. Francis de Sales for a meal and some activities. Contact Elizabeth P. Joseph at 905-427-6244 for further information.

**MORTGAGE UPDATE FROM THE
 PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

As at December 31, 2022, the outstanding mortgage loan was \$2,052,556.

In 2022, we received an average \$5,725 per month in Mortgage Fund donations, a reduction of \$2,950 per month compared to pre-pandemic year 2019 (\$8,675).

Our goal is to lower this outstanding balance by a significant amount, this year. With your continued help and generosity, St Francis de Sales Parish can achieve this goal. Many Blessings to you for your tax-deductible contributions. Thank you for being a valued and generous member of the St Francis de Sales Parish community.

REFLECTION

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

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. In this Beatitude, Jesus is referencing Psalm 37, "...the meek shall possess the land." The "land" in the psalm is referring to the land of Palestine, however, Jesus means the Kingdom. Being meek is repressing every rising impulse of anger, impatience, desire of revenge, and willingly accepts what God places upon us, or men inflict upon us.

The other benefits of being meek are by controlling one's self, we become "mightier than if he besieged and conquered strongly fortified cities. By being meek, we follow the steps of Mary who was the meekest of all. By being meek, Satan has an extremely difficult time at getting after us. Meekness is one of the principal virtues of Our Lord. "What are the principal virtues we are to learn of our Blessed Lord? The principal virtues we are to learn of our Blessed Lord are meekness, humility, and obedience."

Wrath [Anger] wills harm and destruction (the opposite of meekness, which refuses to harm). A classic theme in movies and literature is for the good guy to refuse to harm the bad guy. Many times, the bad guy tempts and even wants the good guy to kill them just to prove that the good guy is just as bad as them inside.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations from the Parish goes out to our Music Ministry. Our 7 PM choir has their own You Tube channel, which features singers and songs from many of our parish choirs. They have recently been subscribed by 100,000 people! To celebrate this fact, the folks at You tube mailed our 7PM choir a silver-coloured plaque and a letter of commendation for having received so many subscribers. God Bless all our choirs at St Francis de Sales.

ALTAR SERVERS



We will be having a training day for all new altar servers on **Saturday February 11 at 10:30 AM**. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please leave your name and contact information (phone & email) with the parish office or kindly send an email to Kelly at altarservers.sfds@gmail.com.



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 25 th at 10:00am	Saturday, February 25 th 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, Feb 5 from 4pm – 6pm or Monday, Feb 6 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.

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