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# Mother's Day

May 14, 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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# A Blessing to Mothers on this Special Day.

*To all Mother's  
and to those who have loved as such:*

*Each child is formed in God's image and you, through the  
imitation of His love, help keep His children to His hands.*

**Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 15 MAY**

9:00 AM + ROBERT JOHN MESMAN  
+ ANTHONY D'SOUZA

**TUESDAY, 16 MAY**

9:00 AM + MANUEL TAVARES  
+ CUTHBERT PHILLIPS  
+ ALFRED & PRIYA CHANDRAN

**WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY**

9:00 AM S.I. IAN LOWING  
+ ANTONIO M. CARVALHO  
+ LALLY CRUZ-DIZON

**THURSDAY, 18 MAY** *St John I, Pope & Martyr*

9:00 AM + JOHN MURPHY  
+ ROBERT JOHN MESMAN

**FRIDAY, 19 MAY**

7:00 PM + CHRISTIAN REVENTAR  
+ PETRONILA GALAPIN  
+ JIM CHISHOLM

**SATURDAY, 20 MAY** *St Bernardine of Siena*

9:00 AM + JULIAN JAMES TAYLOR  
+ MARIO TEDESCO  
5:00 PM + TERESA D'SILVA  
+ MARY KING

**SUNDAY, 21 MAY**

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
10:15 AM S.I. JOSE MARI ASPILLAGA  
+ MELANIO CATRE

12:00 PM S.I. RITA JATOE  
S.I. FOR THE BONDI FAMILY  
S.I. TONY & MAVIS SILVEIRA

7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

*Happy Mother's Day*



Loving God,  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.  
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.  
Amen.



Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. **To date, we have collected \$36,484 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 47% of our parish goal, which is \$77,700.** You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org) Our next ShareLife collection date is 4/5 June weekend.



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you know of a non-Catholic living in our neighbourhood, who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Fr. Joe at 905-683-1403 ext. 105 for an appointment. Our Classes will begin in **September 2023**.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN**

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Steven Kwon February 18 – 29, 2024 (12 days) for \$4,490.00  
Some highlights include travel by boat on the Sea of Galilee; visits to Capernaum, Cana, Bethlehem; Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, and so much more! For more information and registration, call Stan at 647-463-9057 or email Liliana at [liliana@ihtours.com](mailto:liliana@ihtours.com)

**MARIAN PROCESSION**

**On Friday 19 May, we will have a Marian Procession in our East Parking Lot at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.** All parishioners are welcome to attend as we gather together to honour Mary, our Immaculate Mother.



Please note. There will be no 7pm Mass on Sunday 21 May due to the Victoria Day Long Weekend. The Parish office will also be closed on Monday 22 May.



*Fun for Seniors*

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 **May 17, 2023** at St. Francis de Sales for a meal and some activities. Contact Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 for further information.

**Visit our NEW website:**

[www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org](http://www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org)



**REFLECTION**

*(We continue this week to look at St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians).*

This letter of St. Paul answers the question of how big Christ is: Jesus is no less than the full and complete expression of God, the source and purpose of the whole universe, the Savior and centre of all things in Heaven and Earth.

*“He is the Image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. He is the Head of the body, the Church; He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything He may be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross” (1:15-20).*

The Catholic Church in Colossae was infected with an early form of Gnosticism. Gnosticism (of holding secret knowledge denied to the general public) was a popular Greek philosophical religion of the day, which became the source of many heresies (wrong teachings and beliefs) in the early Church. These heresies would still continue to infect the Church to this very day. Like all heresies, they deny or reduce something about the completeness of Christ or the Christian completeness of Christ. Gnosticism displaced Christ from the centre and replaced Him with five small things: speculation (2:4-10), legalism (2:11-17), mysticism (2:18), occultism (2:20) and asceticism (2:21-23).

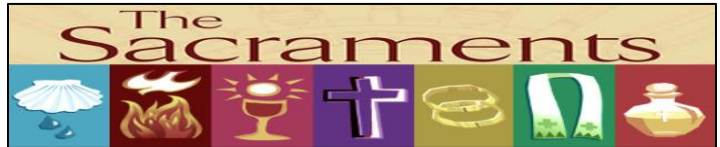
There are two fundamental themes of the whole Christian life found in St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians:

- (1) *“Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (2:3), “for in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (2:9).*
- (2) *“And you have come to fullness of life in Him” (2:10).*

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 2023**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$57,365
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,784
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$8,141
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,025,565

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all the children that received Jesus for the first time this weekend. We continue to prepare the rest of the children for the sacrament of First Communion with class visits to our remaining Parish schools.

**Please see the parish website for a reminder of the rehearsal and First Communion dates.**

School	Rehearsal	First Communion
St. Francis de Sales	Thursday May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday May 27 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Thursday May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday May 27 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. Jude	Thursday May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm	Saturday May 27 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
St Catherine of Siena	Thursday May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm	Saturday May 27 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to all of our Confirmandi candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. You have now been sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and we know you will continue to defend and practice our faith. A big thank you to our catechists for sharing their time, talent and wisdom with our Confirmandi throughout the preparation classes. To all ministries and volunteers involved to help make our Confirmation a beautiful celebration, your work and time is greatly appreciated! **To all the parents and families, we encourage you to continue to come to Mass every Sunday and thank you for your patience throughout this whole process.** May God bless each and every one of you!

***Pope Saint John I, your fidelity to your vocation as Pope led to your death. You were faithful in the face of threats from civil power but did not bend to its will. May all popes look to your example for inspiration in leading the Church.***



**A CATHOLIC CACKLE**

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