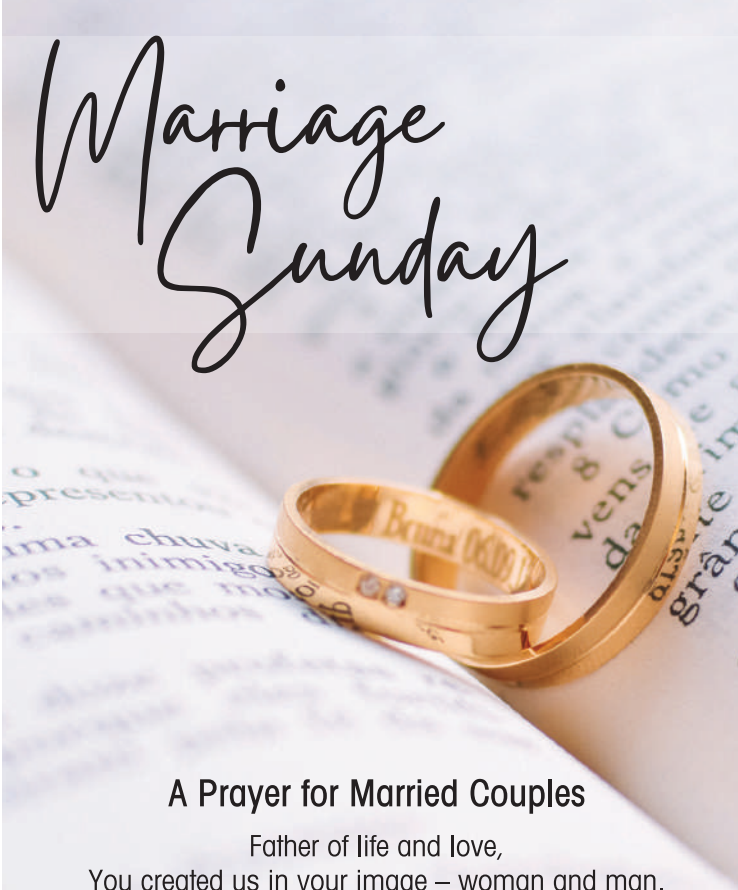




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# Marriage Sunday

### A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love,  
 You created us in your image – woman and man.  
 We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.  
 Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper  
 understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance  
 and direction in our relationship.  
 In marriage you call and challenge us  
 to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.  
 Be our strength and support, therefore,  
 as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,  
 honest commitment united in love.  
 Give us your strength to carry each other  
 in times of darkness,  
 your joy in times of happiness,  
 and your gift of awe in the uniqueness  
 and sacredness of each other.  
 May our love be a reflection and a sign  
 of your love in the world. — Amen.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life & Family (COLF)

**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  
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#### OFFICE HOURS

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# Marriage Sunday



Blessings to all who commit to the journey of love called marriage

In marriage we commit to imitating Christ's love for us.

This type of love withstands all tests and trials, with patience and perseverance.

It requires us to let go of a pride that can divide the two who've been made one.

It seeks the good of the other, even when anger or retribution cry within us.

We learn to let go of worldly goals, and seek that which is of heaven.

This type of love is forged stronger when forgiveness and peace are realized.

It accepts God as our Creator, and we desire to be conformed to His will and image; something that is greater than anything humans can create.

And in our imitation of Christ and yielding to God's divine wisdom, spouses help each other get to heaven and do the same for their children. This is a couple's vocation in Christ – imitation of His love for His Bride, the Church.

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**MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY**

- 9:00 AM + ALFRED SINGH
- + ANGELA JOHNSON
- + ERNESTO U. VILLALUZ

**TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY** *Sts Cyril & Methodius*

- 9:00 AM + NENITA PASIGAN
- + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
- + MAY ANTHONY & MEHMOOD ALI KHAN

**WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY**

- 9:00 AM S.I. TONY & KATHLEEN WALSH
- + EDUARDA AMARAL
- + MICHAEL MURRAY

**THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY**

- 9:00 AM S.I. MARTIN CALLISTE
- + SELVAMARY PACKIYANATHER
- + PASKINA & ANTHONY ALEXANDER

**FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY**

- 7:00 PM S.I. SIMEONA BURGA
- + THELMA GODIN

**SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY**

- 9:00 AM + HOARCE MASCURINE
- + PHILIP MASCURINE
- 5:00 PM + CLARA HERNANDEZ
- + JOHN MURPHY

**SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY**

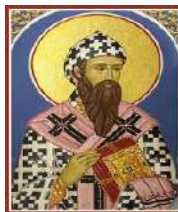
- 8:30 AM S.I. ZIKMANN, STEPHEN & LUDMILA
- + CATALINA ARCEO
- 10:15 AM + ADALIA CANIZARES
- + PATRICK SEQUEIRA
- + TAGUMPAY DIOLATA
- 12:00 PM + RODOLPHO ZALAMEDA
- + MARGIE GANIR
- + GERARDO DOMINGO
- 7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**



Please note, there will be no 7pm Mass on Sunday 19 February due to the Family Day long weekend. The office will be closed on Monday 20 February for Family Day.

*Our actions have a tongue of their own; they have an eloquence of their own, even when the tongue is silent. For deeds prove the lover more than words”.*

-St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem



**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.



**2023 Lift Jesus Higher Rally**  
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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”.



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 of 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.

**A CATHOLIC CACKLE**

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

What did the whale say to Jonah on Valentine’s Day?

- *Whale you be mine?*



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**REFLECTION**

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

*“Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall have their fill.”*

Those that seek out justice or righteousness (depending on translation) refer to those who are looking for the fulfillment of the promises of God. Jesus was the fullness of truth, the fulfillment of the old law. Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies.

For us, we hunger and thirst for the fullness of truth, the perfection of God. When one seeks such perfection with great desire, one will be filled, that is, will be adorned by God with the most beautiful virtues, and greatly rewarded in heaven. When we come to Mass devoutly every Sunday and fully participate in the Mass, then we satisfy this desire for justice and righteousness with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ.

Sloth refuses to exert the will toward the good, even when it is present (the opposite of hunger and thirst for righteousness, which is the passionate desire for good even when it is absent). Are we willing to search out good? Where good is lacking are we ready and willing to restore what is good?

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

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**VOCATIONS**



“No eye has seen. Nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”. If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2023**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$55,501
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$9,767
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,363
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,042,788

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The First Reconciliation preparation class visits continue in all of our 6 Parish schools and the RCIC classes will resume next 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 25<sup>th</sup> at the Parish!** Please see below for the times set for each of our school groups. The children will pick-up a prayer pamphlet at the passport stamping table this weekend. Please practice the Act of Contrition with your children in preparation for their upcoming First Reconciliation.

Saturday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am	Saturday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> 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**

There will be no Confirmation classes Sunday, February 19 and Monday, February 20 for Family Day long weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday, Feb 26 from 4pm – 6pm or Monday, Feb 27 from 7pm – 9pm, depending on which day your child has been assigned. Just a friendly reminder, your Letter of Intent is due on the 26 or 27. 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.



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