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The Ascension of Our Lord May 21st 2023



*He ascended into heaven and
 is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

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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ASCENSION

What does Christ's Ascension mean for us?

Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access... (Catechism of the Catholic Church 661)

The Catechism further explains,

... Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him." As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven.

....Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (cf. CCC 662-664)

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 22 MAY *St Rita*

9:00 AM S.I. SHACEL T. FARAON
+ ALFRED CHOW

TUESDAY, 23 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. ZIANA DINESH
S.I. HEALING FOR RANNIE RAZON

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY

9:00 AM + THERESE & SANNA CLAYTON

THURSDAY, 25 MAY *St Gregory VII*

9:00 AM S.I. JOHN & MARIA TAVARES

FRIDAY, 26 MAY *St Augustine*

7:00 PM + VERNON FERNANDES
+ NESTOR CALDERON
+ ALICE ALEMAO

SATURDAY, 27 MAY

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR 80 YEARS OF
BLESSINGS
+ JIM CHISHOLM
+ ALLAN RAMOS

SUNDAY, 28 MAY

8:30 AM + ELISA DIOLATA & DECEASED MEMBERS
OF THE DIOLATA FAMILY
+ RESTITUTO BADILLES JR.

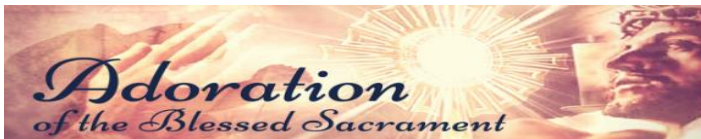
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:00 PM S.I. FOR THE CALLISTE FAMILY
S.I. DEC. ROY & MEERA EMMANUEL
+ FERNANDO VELASCO SR.

7:00 PM + NORINDA DEL FIERRO



Please note. There will be no 9am Mass on Saturday 27 May due to the celebration of First Holy Communion.



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 6 to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

ShareLife

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 \$36,759 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 48% 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 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

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A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day?

Try out this joke.

Why is the letter A like a flower?

- Because a bee comes after it!



REFLECTION

(We continue this week to look at St. Paul's letters to Timothy).

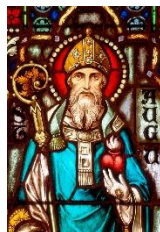
St. Paul's **First Letter to Timothy** was written for a couple of reasons. Timothy was a young convert via St. Paul's preaching. This letter could be entitled "How to be a bishop," for Timothy had become the bishop of Ephesus. For St. Paul, the qualifications of a bishop are not worldly administrative or organizational skills but personal piety and spiritual strength (3:1-3). There were problems in Ephesus and some members needed to be disciplined. Timothy was having a difficult time because he was young (4:12) and sickly (5:23). St. Paul encourages him to "fight the good fight of faith" (6:12).

The **Second Letter to Timothy** was written when St. Paul was in prison in Rome awaiting execution with no hope of being rescued. St. Paul writes not to complain but to encourage Timothy that he too will face persecution not only from Roman authorities but from false teachers within the Church. *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead...preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season"* (4:1-2). Timothy is to *"share in the suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus"* (2:3). The Cross is the strongest force in the world. Christianity has always flourished under persecution.

St. Paul also wrote to another young bishop who was his disciple, **Titus**. St. Paul writes some good advice to young Titus who has to organize the Church in Crete. As a bishop himself, Titus should appoint/ordain other bishops who are of strong moral character and who practice what they preach. St. Paul is very strong in writing about authority (as he does in his other letters). Authority should not be misunderstood as bullying but speaking in the name of Christ Who Himself spoke with authority. It is not might but right. St. Paul's attitude to false teaching and practice is not "anything goes" or "burning the heretic" but being faithful to what Jesus says.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like".

- St. Augustine



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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children that received Jesus for the first-time last 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 below and the parish website for a reminder of the rehearsal and First Communion dates.

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

VOCATIONS



Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age". If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, contact Fr Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE YOUTH

The youth would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity during the youth samosa sale! Thanks to your kindness, we were able to raise more than **\$1300** to support the youth from Gr's 5 - 12 going to camp this summer. Please keep our campers in your prayers. God bless.



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