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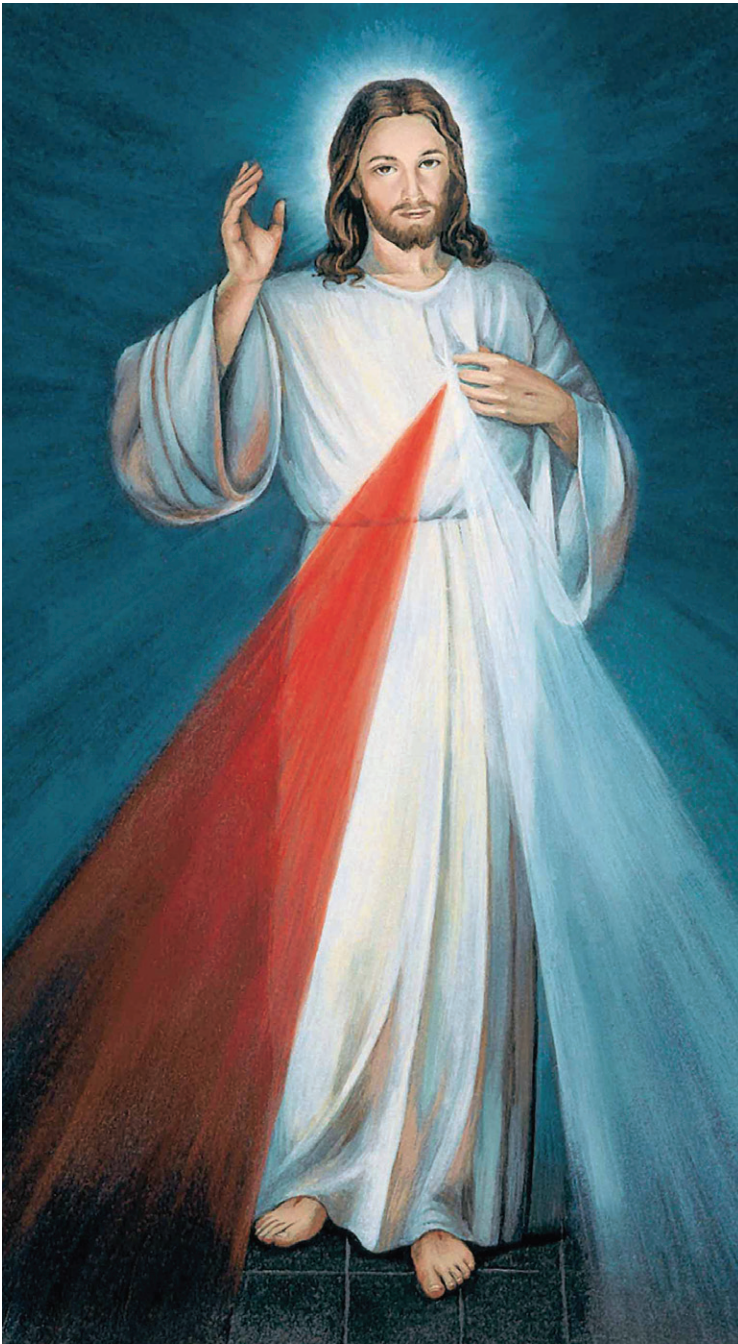
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Divine Mercy

16th April, 2023

SUNDAY



*Jesus, I trust in You. Have mercy upon us
 and upon the whole world. - Amen*

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



St. Francis de Sales will have a Holy Hour dedicated to Divine Mercy on Sunday 16 April from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation.

To pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet visit: www.divinemercury.org

God invites us to trust in His love & the sacrament of Reconciliation

The good news revealed through Jesus Christ is that God's love for each person knows no bounds

No sin or infidelity, no matter how horrible, will separate us from God & His love when we turn to Him in confidence, & seek his mercy.

God invites us to choose Him & partake of His divine life. **Say YES** to God - believe in His revealed truth & *trust Him, love Him & remain true to His word, honor Him & seek His Kingdom, receive Him in Communion & turn away from sin & be mutually caring & forgiving.*

(Quotes from <http://www.thedivinemercury.org/message/history/> and <http://www.thedivinemercury.org/message/>)

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 17 APRIL

9:00 AM + PATRIA MORALES TURLA
+ RAFFY TURLA

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. ZIAHA DINESH
S.I. PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR CAMILLE
PHILLIP

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL

9:00 AM + ARLENE & GEORGE D'CRUZE
+ JOSEPH LOVERY
+ JOSEPH SEQUEIRA

THURSDAY, 20 APRIL

9:00 AM + BETTY DUNDON
+ CHARLES CLEMENTS

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL *St Anselm*

7:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ CLARAMMA MARIYANAYAGAM

SATURDAY, 22 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. MADONA & MARTIN AND FAMILY
S.I. GEORGE MARECHEAU
+ DOMINADOR LLANETA
5:00 PM S.I. DAVID UMEH
+ N.D. JOSEPH

SUNDAY, 23 APRIL

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
10:15 AM S.I. JULIE GALEA
S.I. KELLY SARMENTO
+ NENITA LACTAO
12:00 PM S.I. LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
SOARES FAMILIES
+ JOHN FALCETTA
+ IONA D'SOUZA
7:00 PM + CARLA BORROMEO
+ EMILIA NAVARRO
+ MICHAEL MCCOMIE

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 2023

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$47,251
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$7,692
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$8,489
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,030,350
SHARELIFE	\$77,700	\$17,630

Thank you for your continued support!



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Thank you from the Saint Vincent de Paul!

As a result of your generosity, we were able to give food cards to 70 families which included 124 adults and 32 children during the months of January, February, and March. We also gave 6 beds. Your ongoing support to help our neighbours in need is very much appreciated.



HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP

A 5-day Catholic Leadership camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience where you can grow to be a leader in your community and the parish

Who: Students currently in Grade's 9 – 12.

When: August 23 - 27, 2023

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

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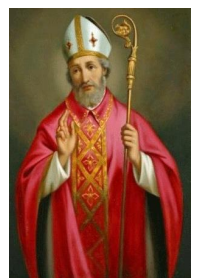
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Space limited to a first come, first register basis

For questions & to register, contact: Noah Aquino, youth.sfds@gmail.com

"My God, I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you. And if I may not do so fully in this life let me go steadily on to the day when I come to that fullness . . . Let me receive That which you promised through your truth, that my joy may be full".

- Saint Anselm of Canterbury



A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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What did the Mother spider say to her baby spider?

- You spend too much time on the web!



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REFLECTION

The Lord will make room for every act of mercy; everyone will receive in accordance with his deeds (Sir. 16:14). Once justice and righteousness have been established among men, it is possible to lead them to the even-greater perfection of mercy. For mercy goes beyond justice. The just man takes no more than his fair share of goods, whereas the merciful man accepts even *less* than what he is due, out of love and compassion of his neighbor. Therefore, the Lord proclaims the next Beatitude: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy.”

Who Are the Merciful?

Mercy is a particular form of goodness shown to others. Sometimes we are good to others by being fair to them. This is not mercy, but justice. Sometimes we are good to others by showing them love and affection. This not mercy, either, but friendship. But when we are good to others by compassionately understanding the evils to which they are subject, and by taking away their miseries, this is mercy. So, the merciful are those who notice the evils that others suffer, have compassion upon them, and then act to remove those evils. These evils might be poverty, sickness, sadness, or even sin.

Of course, there is such a thing as false mercy. If someone were to recommend an abortion to alleviate the fear of a pregnant woman, or counsel divorce and remarriage to alleviate the sadness of a difficult marriage, these would not truly be instances of mercy. For they would involve the recipient in an even greater evil (sin) than that from which they were freed (physical and emotional suffering). Thus, true mercy requires a right understanding of what is truly good and truly evil.

Even those without faith can appreciate the goodness of being merciful. But the mercy of the Beatitude goes beyond what reason unaided by faith can appreciate. First, because the merciful of this Beatitude have a longing to dispel the misery of others even to the point of *accepting this misery upon themselves*. Furthermore, their mercy extends not only to friends and family but to *strangers and enemies*. Jesus describes this kind of mercy when he teaches his disciples, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:12-13).

Last of all, unlike those who appreciate the goodness of mercy at the natural level, the merciful of this Beatitude are motivated entirely by the *desire to help others attain the vision of God*, not some merely natural good. Pope St. Leo the Great emphasizes this supernatural motivation: “Mercy wishes you to be merciful, righteousness to be righteous, that the Creator may be seen in his creature, and the image of God may be reflected in the mirror of the human heart expressed by the lines of imitation.”

(Taken from Catholic Answers).



CONFIRMATION

Wishing all of our Confirmandi families a Happy and Blessed Easter! The **Confirmation Schedule is posted below** and the Confirmation page on our parish website. An email was sent out regarding the rehearsals for our Confirmandi. There will be no class next week as the program will be complete. Passport stamping will continue until the end of June to fully complete the Confirmation process. If you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino. God Bless!

Monday, April 24 @ 7pm

- St. Josephine Bakhita
- St. Catherine of Siena
- St Francis de Sales

Tuesday, April 25 @ 7pm

- St. André Bessette
- Other Catholic Schools
- Virtual
- Public/Private

Wednesday, April 26 @ 7pm

- St. Patrick
- St. Jude

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have begun to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion and continue our 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.

-We have a First Communion dress available if anyone is interested, please let Mrs. Selda know. Please see the parish website for a reminder of the rehearsal and First Communion dates.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do **not** park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply.



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



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