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Palm Sunday

April 2nd 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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Hosanna in the highest.

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PALM SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 3 APRIL

9:00 AM + NAPOLEON F MENEZ
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TUESDAY, 4 APRIL

8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR 59 YEARS OF
BLESSINGS
+ ROSE ANTONY

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. MALCOLM GOMES
+ RAFAEL BILOG

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL (HOLY THURSDAY)

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
7:30 AM ALL DECEASED & LIVING PRIESTS

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

11:00 AM VENERATION OF THE CROSS
1:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

9:00 AM **NO MASS**
5:00 PM **NO MASS**
8:30 PM (EASTER VIGIL)
FOR OUR CATECHUMEN

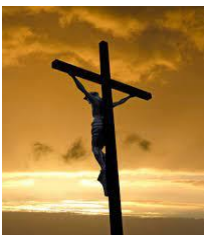
SUNDAY, 9 APRIL (RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD)

8:30 AM + HERMANO AMARAL OLIVEIRA
+ ZACHARY PINTO
+ MARIYANAYAGAM SEBAMALI
10:15 AM + ELVENA & SALEEN KHAN
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ RICHARD DORIS & MARILYN MCKEE
12:00 PM S.I. MATHIEW MINA
S.I. AIDAN CALICDAN
+ JADE DE CASTRO
7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

CHRISM MASS

Please note on Tuesday April 4th our morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am. The Chrism Mass will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral, in Toronto at 11 am.

GOOD FRIDAY



Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Good Friday and all the Fridays of the year.

Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the full meal. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs or milk products.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 6 - NO 9 AM Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm.
Adoration until 10:30pm

Good Friday - April 7 - NO 9 AM Mass
11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.
Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.
Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Holy Saturday - April 8 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses
Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM (no confession)

Easter Sunday (April 9)
Masses 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass

Mediation of the Five Wounds

We offer ourselves to the Heavenly Father through all the wounds of our Savior, Jesus Christ:

We kiss the wound of your Sacred Left Hand, with sorrow deep and true.
+
We kiss the wound of your Sacred Right Hand, with sorrow deep and true.
+
We kiss the wound of your Sacred Left Foot, with sorrow deep and true.
+
We kiss the wound of your Sacred Right Foot, with sorrow deep and true.
+
We kiss the wound of your Sacred Side, with sorrow deep and true.
+
Amen

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QUESTION & ANSWER

In the Washing of the Feet which we commemorate on Holy Thursday, there's more than meets the eye.

In the Old Testament the ritual washing of Aaron and his sons played a prominent role in their (priestly) ordination ceremonies. For example, God gives Moses the following instructions:

“Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water, and put upon Aaron the holy garments, and you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest” (Exod. 40:12-13).

This passage refers to a general washing, but verses 30-32 of the same chapter specifically refer to washing Aaron and his sons' *feet* on the day of their consecration to the priesthood:

And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands *and their feet*; when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed; as the Lord commanded Moses (emphasis added).

Leviticus 8:7 describes how Moses carries out these washings before he dresses Aaron and his sons with priestly garments.

With this background knowledge, one can't help but wonder if there is something more to Jesus' washing than giving the apostles an example of humble service (washing feet was normally a duty reserved to household slaves). Perhaps they are meant to humbly serve as *priests*? It seems reasonable.

When John and Luke's Last Supper narratives are taken together, we have a total of three details that support the conclusion that Jesus made the apostles his New Covenant ministerial priests:

- Jesus commands the apostles to “do this in remembrance of me,” which suggests they are to offer the Last Supper as a sacrifice.
- Jesus washes their feet.
- The apostles are said to take *part* in Jesus through the ritual washing.

Taken from <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/did-jesus-make-the-apostles-priests-at-the-last-supper>



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We will begin to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion in April and resume 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.

Please see below for the attire for First Communion:

-Boys must wear a white shirt, no running shoes. A suit can be white or any other colour. Arm bands can be worn but are not essential.

-Girls can wear a white or off-white dress, if wearing a veil, they must not cover the face, no gloves, purses or rosary during the celebration.

-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.

CONFIRMATION

It was so beautiful to see our Confirmandi during our reconciliation night at the parish. The **Confirmation Schedule is posted below** and the Confirmation page on our parish website. An email was sent out regarding the arrival time and attire. There will be no class next week due to the Easter long weekend. The last class will be on April 16/17. 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

Tuesday, April 25 @ 7pm

- St Francis de Sales
- St. André Bessette
- Other Catholic Schools
- Virtual

Wednesday, April 26 @ 7pm

- St. Patrick
- St. Jude

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. **We will have a blessing of the Easter baskets on Saturday 8 April at 12 noon.**



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



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