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### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25th, 2024



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**Our mission :** We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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

#### HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + VERNON FERNANDES  
+ TERRENCE LIONEL JEKIR  
+ DEREK WILHELM

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY *St Gregory of Narek*

9:00 AM + MICHAEL MORAN  
+ DEREK WILHELM  
+ VICTORIA CHINON

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + LAURA & ANTONIO MOURA & FAMILY  
+ DEREK WILHELM

THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH *World Day of Prayer*

6:30 PM + FRANCIS MCMICHAEL  
+ NOEMIA DE MELO  
+ JUN TENORIO

SATURDAY, 2 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAMUEL  
PAUL FAMILY  
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+ LAGRIMAS MANGUSSAD  
5:00 PM + FELY CALLEJO  
+ ANGELA DEMELLO  
+ DORIS SEARS

SUNDAY, 3 MARCH

8:30 AM + STAN KRUPICZ  
+ MARIA ABREU & ADELINO GOMES

10:15 AM S.I. FOR THE SEDRAN FAMILY  
+ MARIA BELEN ARCILLA

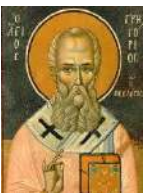
12:00 PM (MASS WITH INCENSE)  
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7:00 PM + FRANCESCA VELLA

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WALKING WITH CHRIST

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration  
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



*"Oh God. In the face of my darkness, you are light. In the face of my mortality, you are life."*

- St. Gregory of Narek

### 40 CANS FOR LENT



During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the 40 Cans for Lent Program, your council can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

Drop off your cans any time throughout the Lenten season in the designated boxes in the church foyer and they will be distributed to those in need.

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY TORONTO

March 2, 2024

There are still a limited number of adult tickets available if you wish to travel with the parish. Tickets are \$45 per person based on a first come first serve basis. **Please contact Noah Aquino at [youth.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:youth.sfds@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket today with the parish.** The ticket includes the admission to the rally and bus transportation.



"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..." Mt 19:14

**COME AND JOIN US IN BRINGING JESUS TO  
THE CHILDREN THROUGH HIS WORD!**

The **Children's Liturgy Ministry** is looking for new Leaders for the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 10:15am Masses. If you are over the age of 18, have a passion to share **God's Word** through bible stories, fun activities and enjoy working with young children, please attend our information session on **Saturday Mar 9, at 10am, north room** of the church foyer. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the foyer. As a Children's Liturgy Leader, you will enjoy a rewarding experience bringing the **WORD of GOD** to the eager little ones.

### 2023 TAX RECIEPTS

Thank you to everyone who makes an offertory donation to our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. **Please note that your 2023 parish tax receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday February 23.**



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## **PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING**

Have you ever thought about giving your donations through PAG? You can simplify your donations with the convenience of once month (20<sup>th</sup> day each month) direct debit from your selected bank account. You can now utilize this for **Regular Offertory, Mortgage and Building Fund** donations. An added convenience, this allows continual support for the parish when you are away.

For the Parish, PAG allows the parish to plan better through regular and dependable flow of contributions, and the added benefit of the reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

If you are already a PAG user, it is a good time to review and consider updating your monthly giving. It is now possible to include Mortgage & Building Fund Donations in your monthly PAG.

For more information see the enclosed information form, visit the Parish Website, or call the Parish Office.

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



**The next Life Teen night scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> is an all-day retreat at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally** and there will be no meeting at the parish that evening. Tickets are \$30 and if you're available please contact Noah Aquino at [youth.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:youth.sfds@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket.

**Registration for Edge Camp to students in grades 5 to 8 & High School Camp is now open, please email Noah for more information.** The parent information night for both summer camps will be on Thursday 29 February @ 7 PM.

During the season of Lent, there is a board of envelopes in the foyer for "40 Days of Giving". We invite you to collect an envelope of your choice to support the youth of our parish, as they continue to grow as strong disciples of Christ. We thank you for your generosity! God Bless!

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all the children on receiving the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend. If your child was unable to attend, please contact Mrs Selda as soon as possible, as this sacrament is required in order for the children to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please also contact Mrs Selda if your child did not submit their passport this weekend. The First Communion preparation classes will begin in April for all the children attending our six parish schools and the RCIC classes will also resume in April. We look forward to seeing the children at Mass each week as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

## **CONFIRMATION**

**The letter of intent is due in class on February 25/26.** Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; **attendance is mandatory.** Lenten confession date is now on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark it on your calendar as it has changed. **Remember to bring your own pencil or pen to class as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our confirmandi.** Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation.

School Group	Confirmation Rehearsal Date	Confirmation Mass Date	Lenten Confession ***NEW DATE***
St. Josephine Bakhita	Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm	Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm	<b><u>The Lenten Confession night is now on Wed. Mar. 20 from 7pm - 10pm</u></b>
St. Jude	Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm	Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm	
St. Catherine of Siena	Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm	
St. André Bessette/Virtual	Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm	
Public/Private	Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm	
St. Patrick	Saturday, April 20 at 10am	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm	
St. Francis de Sales	Saturday, April 20 at 10am	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm	
Other Catholic	Saturday, April 20 at 10am	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm	



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