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Our Mission:

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DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SATURDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm

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
Anytime by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Holy Hour: FRIDAY 6pm - 7pm

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

Liturgical Ministries

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Communion
Hospitality Ushers
Homebound

Ministries that serve the parish or extended community:

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Fr. Mike Schmitz serves as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and as Chaplain for the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He is well known for his popular YouTube videos, released weekly on the Ascension Presents YouTube channel, and he also streams Sunday Mass to a worldwide audience. In addition to hosting the first complete Catholic Bible in a Year podcast, he is also a presenter in Ascension's Chosen, Altaration, and The 99 programs, as well as a contributing author to Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry: Five Steps for Discerning God's Will.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. JOEL MANOHAGAN

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY

9:00 AM + ROSAMMA ABRAHAM

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY *St. Anthony*

9:00 AM S.I. BEN COOK

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY *Sts. Fabian & Sebastian*

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

5:00 PM S.I. YUSUSANI FAMILY

+ BABY BENE

+ NATALIO SUAZON

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY

8:30 AM S.I. MARIA MOURA

+ EMERENCIANA TAGURA

+ LOURTHAMMA MATHIAS

10:15 AM S.I. JAIME FERNANDES

S.I. VICTORIA PIRTAN

+ ELEANORE NATASHA VALERA

12:00 PM + JULIETA PAGSISIHAN

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2023

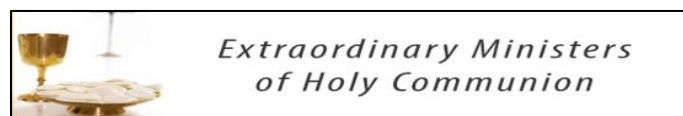
	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$68,705
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$16,039
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,700
SHARELIFE	\$77,700	\$84,360
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,821,780



The CWL is hosting the Senior's Lunch on Wednesday January 17th. There will be Mass at 11:30am followed by lunch and fellowship. All are welcome! To confirm your attendance, please contact Mary Ellen at 905-666-3752 or email mellen.stinson@gmail.com



We are in need of ministers of hospitality to greet and assist parishioners with practical details so that the Sunday Mass can be celebrated with ease and grace. If this is something you would like to do to help fellow parishioners, please contact Fr Joe, Fr Derek or Beryl Lowe.



We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers to distribute Holy Communion at our Sunday 12:00 p.m. Mass. If you feel the call to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Fr Joe or Fr Derek for more information.

2024 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Please throw out all old offertory envelopes.** Thank you.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP

We are looking for volunteers to assist our priests and deacon with Baptism. Baptisms occur two Sundays a month. If you would like to assist with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

Due to the generosity of many people our Christmas Outreach was a success. A heartfelt thanks to our parishioners, the Knights of Columbus, CWL, St. Francis de Sales Social Committee, Notre Dame High School, 10th Ajax Brownies, Dr. Noble's office, St. Jude school, St. Francis de Sales school and Catherine of Sienna school. We were able to help 92 families which consisted of 147 adults and 92 children. Each family received food gift cards and toiletries and children received gifts.

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



Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy New Year to all the youth of our parish! For our high school students, Life Teen resumes on Saturday, Jan 20 from 7pm-9pm. Dinner will be provided for our high school students.

Students in Grades 6-8, Edge will also resume this month on Friday, Jan 26 from 7:30pm-9pm. If you haven't registered already, you may do so on our parish website.

It's time to save the date for our Grade's 5-8! An exciting time as we'll be going to Edge Camp again this year! This year, Edge Camp East will be from Aug 25-29. We'd love for you to join us for a week of outdoor fun and making new friends, all while growing in our faith!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com.

God Bless,
Noah Aquino

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Vocations Are Everybody's Business

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, **call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation classes will begin this Sunday January 14th or Monday January 15th. Please keep note of the class day which your child has been assigned. We kindly ask that students are dropped off 10 minutes before the class begins to ensure that we start on time. If you did not pick up your confirmation book, your child will receive it on the first day of class. These books are yours to keep. **Remember to bring your own pencil or pen 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.

We look forward to learning and growing in our faith together as we journey to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in April.

God Bless,
Noah Aquino

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The children will continue to prepare for their 2 very special sacraments in January. Please see below for the class start dates and review the sacramental schedule on the back of your child's passport for their upcoming First Reconciliation date and 2nd passport review.

First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation classes at our 6 Parish schools:

These classes will begin the week of January 16th. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children in our 6 Parish schools in class.

RCIC Classes at the Parish:

Classes will resume on Saturday January 27th at the Parish, for all of the children attending Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless,
Mrs. Selda



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