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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3rd, 2024



A TIME TO
PRAY

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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Be Transformed

Exiled by original sin,
the Old Testament and New Testament
is our journey back to a state of communion with God

After the release of God's People from human bondage during the Exodus & the parting of the Red Sea, we await our spiritual release from the slavery of sin with the waters of baptism.

From manna feeding God's Chosen People during their journey to the Promised Land, we await the feeding of our spirit with the Holy Eucharist.



The WORD made Flesh

From the Passover's sacrificial lamb, God's victory over death is revealed through Jesus Christ's crucifixion & His laying of human sin on the Cross.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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9:00 AM + MICHAEL MALONEY
+ OHRLEY GAERLAN

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH

9:00 AM + JOSEPH COUTHINO
+ SIOKBE YOUNG

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH

9:00 AM + ALISON PAUL
+ MARIO COLANTONIO

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH *Sts Perpetua & Felicity*

9:00 AM + ROSENDO ESPIRITU
+ GNANASEELI MANUELPIILLAI
+ SOPHIE KWAN

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH *St John of God*

6:30 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO THE BLESSED
TRINITY FOR GOOD HEALTH
+ LEANNE RODGERS
+ MANUEL SANTOS ADUNA

SATURDAY, 9 MARCH *St Frances of Rome*

9:00 AM S.I. WONG PACK FAH

5:00 PM S.I. ELIZABETH JOSEPH
+ JUAN ORMACHEA
+ DAPHNE IRANI

SUNDAY, 10 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR EUNICE
CALDERON
+ MARIA ABREU

10:15 AM + NAOMI SUAZON
+ DONBOSCO GABRIELPIILLAI

12:00 PM S.I. BEVERLY & KIARA CALLISTE
+ MICHAEL STONE
+ EMERALD FERREIRA

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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GOD'S VOICE TODAY,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!**

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Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be 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
www.vocationstoronto.ca



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

LENTEN CONFESION NIGHT

On **Wednesday 20 March**, St Francis de Sales will have its annual Lenten Confession Evening from **7-10 PM**. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity as it will be your last chance before the celebration of Holy Week.



ShareLife

Our Share Life contribution total for 2023 was **\$91,430.77**, which was **117%** of our goal of **\$77,700**. Our suggested ShareLife goal for **2024** is **\$99,000**. The dates for our Share Life collection are March 17, April 28 and June 2. We thank-you for your continued generosity.



"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.

Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

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Have you ever thought about giving your donations through PAG? You can simplify your donations with the convenience of once month (20th 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 Edge night scheduled for March 8th is cancelled due to the March Break, and there will be no meeting at the parish that evening. **Registration for Edge Camp to students in grades 5 to 8 & high school camp is now open, please email Noah for more information.**

The youth would like to give a resounding “Thank-you” to all parishioners during the cookie fund raising weekend. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$2100 and counting to help off-set the cost for all students going to camp. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support! God Bless!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children on receiving the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation last 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 last 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

Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; **attendance is mandatory**. Lenten confession date is now on March 20th. 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	The Lenten Confession night is now on Wed. Mar. 20 from 7pm - 10pm
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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