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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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**The Feast of
Saint Francis de Sales**

St. Francis de Sales Feast Day - January 24th

"St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family.... near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567....From a very early age, he desired to serve God... [however his] father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics." ".In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua....After much ... disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593."

"During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church. For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow."

"Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis ... wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church."

"The parents wouldn't come to him, so Francis went to the children. When the parents saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they began to talk to him."

"By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church."



...."For Francis....[the] key to love of God was prayer...The test of prayer was a person's actions. 'To be an angel in prayer and a beast in one's relations with people is to go lame on both legs.' "He believed the worst sin was to judge someone or to gossip about them. Even if we say we do it out of love we're still doing it to look better ourselves. We should be as gentle and forgiving with ourselves as we should be with others."

St. Francis de Sales died on December 28, 1622. He was beatified on January 8, 1661 and canonized on April 19, 1665.

He is the patron saint of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. His most famous book, INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE, was written for ordinary lay people in 1608".

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MASS INTENTIONS

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9:00 AM + GAULBERT MONTEIRO
+ PAUL O'CONNER

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY *St. Mariane Cope*

9:00 AM + JEYARANI JOHNPILLAI
+ LUALHATI GARCIA
+ SALVATORE & SANTINA TACONE

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY *St. Francis de Sales*

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY *The Conversion of St. Paul*

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY *St. Timothy & St. Titus*

7:00 PM S.I. LARISSA LIBBY
+ VERNON FERNANDES

SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY *St. Angela Merici*

9:00 AM + JADE DE CASTRO

5:00 PM S.I. ANTONIETTE KWAN

+ DAPHNE IRANI
+ JOSEPH CLEMENTS

SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY

8:30 AM S.I. CHARLIE COOK

+ STAN KRUPICZ
+ EMERENCIANA TAGURA

10:15 AM S.I. MICHELLE NIEVES

S.I. SFDS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
+ MARY BALDWIN

12:00 PM + JADE DE CASTRO

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

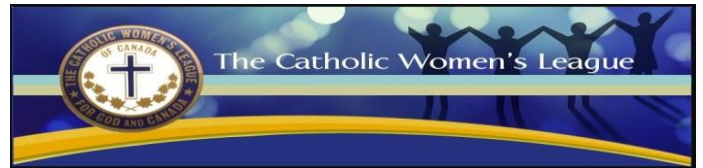
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The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Visit our NEW website:

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A huge thank you to the parish for their continued support of our council. **Together we raised an amazing \$4743 for the community from the raffle!** Thank you again for the support of our events and for your continued prayers.

Please note that the CWL will be having their **membership drive on Saturday January 27th and Sunday January 28th!** Current members, please bring your fees on the day of the membership drive or drop it off at the parish office. If you would like to learn more about who we are and what we do, please come see us in the foyer. Thank you and have a blessed weekend!



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.



PRAYER TO OUR PATRON **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

Be at peace.

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
rather look to them with full hope as they arise.

God, whose very own you are,
will deliver you from out of them.

He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely
through all things; and when you cannot stand it,
God will bury you in his arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering, or give you
unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and
imagination. Amen.

St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622

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Calling all youth of the parish! **Students in Grades 6-8, Edge will 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



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



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation classes have begun. 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. Students should have already received their books. 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

It has been so nice to see all of the children in our 6 parish schools, during our First Reconciliation preparation class visits that began this week.

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.

Please review the sacramental schedule on the back of your child's passport for their upcoming First Reconciliation date and 2nd passport review.

God Bless,

Mrs. Selda

Saints Timothy and Titus, you were called by God to share in the apostolic ministry of Saint Paul, to go forth to preach, and to draw many souls to Heaven. Your faith, zeal, and countless virtues assisted you in this mission. Please pray for me, that I may also share in the apostolic work of the Church and help bring many souls to Christ. Saints Timothy and Titus, pray for me. Amen.





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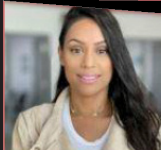
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