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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17th, 2024



A TIME TO
REFLECT

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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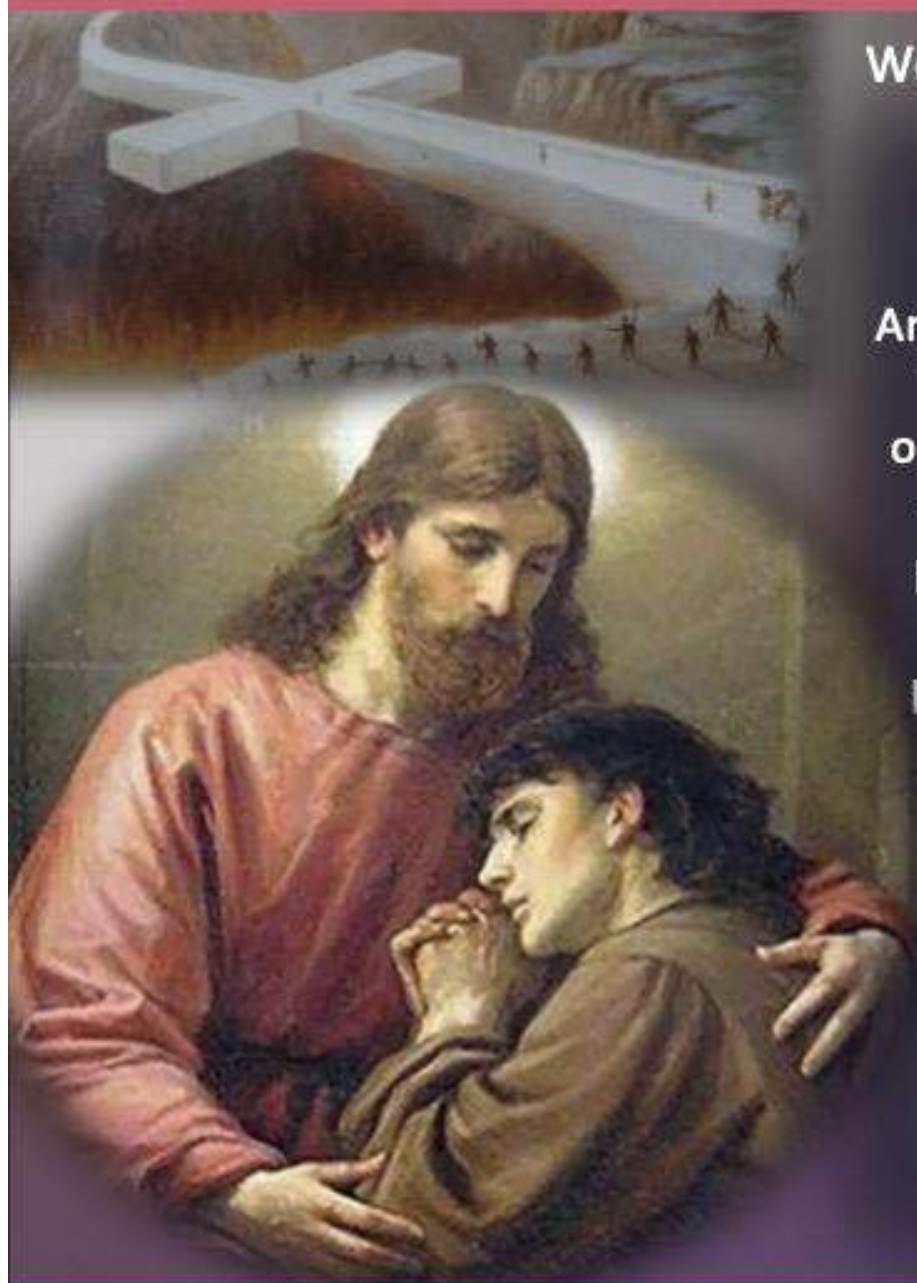
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Lenten Night of Reconciliation

Wednesday March 20, 2024

7pm-10pm

Please join us for our Annual Lenten Reconciliation. This will be the last major opportunity for parishioners to receive this sacrament prior to the celebration of Easter. Approximately 12 priests will be available on this evening to hear confessions.



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 18 MARCH

9:00 AM + FERNANDO MANALO JR
+ ERNESTO FRANCIA
+ SAMUEL KAISER

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. GERARD NEWALLO
+ MARVIS MURRAY
+ GLENN CHARRON

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH

9:00 AM + LEA CATRE
+ JOSIE ESTQUE
+ IMELDA M. REYES

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH

9:00 AM + GAULBERT MONTEIRO

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH

6:30 PM + CIRIACA QUESADA MANALO

SATURDAY, 23 MARCH

9:00 AM + VINCENT SEBASTIAN

5:00 PM S.I. ROYSTON & ROSHNI FERNANDES
+ PAMELA MICHAEL
+ JUAN ORMAECHA

SUNDAY, 24 MARCH

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH

10:15 AM S.I. FOR THE SEMELHAGO, LEE, COUTO,
QUADRAS & VAZ FAMILY
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
SEMELHAGO, LEE, COUTO, QUADROS AND
VAZ FAMILY

12:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ RUBY CHEN
+ THELMA COLOMBAGE

7:00 PM + SINGARAJAH SINNATHAMBY
+ REY PADUA



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 28 - NO 9 AM Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm.

Adoration until 10:30pm

Good Friday – March 29 - 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 – March 30 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses

Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM (no confession)

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Masses 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our housekeeper/cook, Dianne Bloise, will be retiring this year. We will miss her greatly. The position is 3 days per week. If you are interested in the position of housekeeper/cook, please email Father Joe directly at sfdspastor@gmail.com or drop off your resume at the parish office.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Family Services of Durham (CFSD) provides help, hope and healing to individuals, young parents, couples and families, regardless of beliefs. We do this through evidence-based psychotherapy and counselling, education and support. We have 3 divisions to serve our community: A psychotherapy division (Renewal Psychotherapy Durham), a young parent support division (Rose of Durham), and a gender-based violence hub division (Safety Network Durham). We are currently seeking dedicated people to serve as members of our Board of Directors, which meets monthly. Financial expertise is an asset. CFSD is committed to inclusivity and equity. For more information about CFSD, please visit www.cfsdurham.com, or contact Tania McClean, Executive Assistant, 905-725-3513 x121.



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.

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



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Please join our Knights of Columbus in building up the faith and fellowship of our parish by sharing in a simple meal together.

Our Simple Super will be held in the church foyer after The Stations of The Cross on Friday 22nd March 2024.

You will receive a bowl of Vegetable Soup and Sourdough Bread.

This is a free event.

All are welcome & we look forward to seeing you!



The next Edge night is scheduled for March 23rd and Life Teen is on April 6th. Registration for Edge Camp for students in grades 5 to 8 & high school camp is now open, please email Noah for more information.

We invite all parishioners to consider donating to the different initiatives run by our Youth Ministry. Envelopes can be found in the foyer and can be dropped into the collection basket during Mass the following weekend. We thank you for your generosity and for participating in the action of almsgiving during this season of Lent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We hope all the children had a fun and safe March break! We're looking forward to seeing the children soon, as we continue with the First Communion preparation classes beginning in April. The RCIC classes will also resume in April. We know that many families are beginning to look for your child's First Communion attire. Please see below for the guidelines:

Boys -in their Sunday best with white dress shirt and dark pants

-preferably in a suit but not necessary -First Communion arm bands are allowed

Girls -in a white or off-white dress -no gloves, no purses and no veil covering the face

For both boys and girls: no running shoes, no prayer books, and no rosary beads during the time of Mass

We look forward to seeing the children at Mass as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

CONFIRMATION

There are no classes for the next two weeks due to the March Break. **Classes will resume on March 24/25.** Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; **attendance is mandatory for both the students and parents. It is preferred that the sponsor is present if available.** **Lenten confession date is now on March 20th.** Please mark it on your calendar as it has changed. 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. God Bless

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	<u>The Lenten Confession night is now on Wed. Mar. 20 from 7pm - 10pm</u>
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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