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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

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Development & Peace

"The Measure of Love, is Love without Measure"

St. Francis de Sales



Our Lenten Journey soon begins...

Our Lenten practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to draw us nearer to Christ, both during His time in the desert and on the Cross. With greater fervor, we strive to imitate Him and reflect on the love and sacrifice of the Crucifixion.

This Lent ...

Make a plan to PRAY with greater commitment.

Reading the Word of God and reflecting upon its message, both to those who first heard it, and to us today in our own lives allows us to hear God and His message to us. We must strive to be fully alive in His Word and say "yes" to what He has called us to be and do.

Make a plan to FAST with greater commitment.

Fasting strengthens our spiritual solidarity with Christ. It reminds us that without food and drink we would perish, that our time in this world is finite, and that we will return to the dust that humanity was created from. By embracing our spiritual life, we die (as in baptism) to ourselves, in order that we (through God's mercy) receive eternal life. Through spiritual poverty, we accept God as the source and benefactor of all we have; as His stewards, we are accountable to Him, and adopted (through grace) into God's kingdom.

Make a plan to GIVE with greater commitment.

Almsgiving during Lent are gifts given above and beyond what is normally given. It asks us to imitate the poor widow in the Temple, to trust in God's providence (like the Israelites when given manna) and not worry about tomorrow. Almsgiving draws us closer to the poor and to Christ in the manger. It helps us understand that temporal blessings should be shared in the name of God's justice. We practice and learn to loosen this world's hold on us, so that we can walk more easily towards God's Kingdom.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY *St. Agatha*

9:00 AM S.I. NATHAN AARON JOY
+ JOSEPH COUTHINO
+ JOSE DE MELO BOTELHO

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY *St. Paul Miki & Companions*

9:00 AM + TITO CAGULADA

WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + ROSE LASTRACCO
+ JULIANA & DEMOCRETO PASAJOL
+ JACK BRETT

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY *St. Jerome Emiliani*

9:00 AM + VINCENT RODRIGUES
+ MANUEL IBARGUCHI
+ CONCEPTION MANDUJANO

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM + GRAZIA CAPOZZO

SATURDAY, 10 FEBRUARY *St. Scholastica*

9:00 AM S.I. BETTY & JOE SANPIER

5:00 PM + MAGGIE SOUSA
+ EMMANUEL QUINTAL
+ KEVIN BEER

SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE COOK
FAMILY

+ JOSE ANTONIO MOURA & FAMILY
+ WILLIE BETHEA

10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:00 PM + BERTRAND CALLISTE
+ ANTHONY FREDERICKS
+ PAMELA MICHAEL

7:00 PM AVAILABLE



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



*"When we pray, we speak to God;
but when we read, God speaks to us".*

- St. Jerome, meditating on the scriptures.

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Thank you to all who showed interest and support for our membership drive! We have many new members that we are thankful for their desire to serve. For those still curious about what we do, we have a general meeting on February 7th from 7pm to 9pm. After the 10:15am Mass on February 11th, we will have the installation of our new members in the north room.

Thank you and God Bless.

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.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th** and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. 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.

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.



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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. **The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage



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. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We're continuing to prepare the children in class for their First Reconciliation on Saturday February 24th. Please see below for the First Reconciliation times for each school group. We kindly ask that the children wear their Sunday best.

School	First Reconciliation & Passport Review #2
St. Andre Bessette	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00 p.m.
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00pm
St. Francis de Sales	Saturday February 24 th at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00pm
St. Jude	Saturday February 24 th at 10:00am
St. Catherine of Siena	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00pm
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