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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 23rd, 2025



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 | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

Lenten Night of Reconciliation

Wednesday April 8, 2025
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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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 24 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. JOANN MARCELLO
+ JEAN WONG-HING
+ THERESA ANTONY

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. RANJITH M.
+ SANTHIAPILLAI SEBASTIAMPILLAI
+ GEORGINA DA COSTA

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH

9:00 AM + RIO, PETTY & MILDRED BARRETTO
+ ROGELIO ZALDIVAR
+ JOHN D'SOUZA

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. JOANNSHA & JOSHAN SURAN
+ ALBERTO MARTINS
+ ARTHUR CARVALHO

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH

7:00 PM + MARIYANAYAGAM SEBAMALAI
+ THELMA COLOMBAGE
+ BENCEY, SHIRAN & THEODORE PEIRIS

SATURDAY, 29 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. ALEX MULLEN
+ ADRIANNA PLUMMER
+ GIOVANNA STILLITANI
5:00 PM + LLOYD KAMDASAMMY
+ CLARENCE ALVARES
+ ERROL ANTHONY & LISA CARTER

SUNDAY, 30 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. MARVA THOMAS
+ COLLETTE REARDON
+ MARGARET VITELLI
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI
+ APOLONIA SERAG
+ WINSTON SHAW
7:00 PM S.I. FOR LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE CORDEIRO & D'COSTA FAMILIES
+ JAIME NICOLAS

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm to 7:30 pm Mass

LENTEN CONFESION NIGHT

On **Tuesday April 8th**, 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.



CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

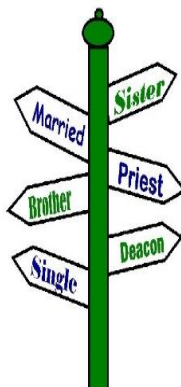
We are in the midst of a Holy Year which will undoubtedly be a time of spiritual and community renewal. Cardinal Leo invites us to join in an archdiocesan Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary – a beautiful act of ecclesial and personal faith. We shall make this beautiful act consecration on **March 25 2025, Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord**. Guided by the Spirit of unity and accompanied on our journey by Mother Mary's maternal mediation in Christ, we shall enjoy abundant divine consolations, be empowered with gifts from on High, and we shall truly be, with Our Lady, Pilgrims of Hope to the world. For a guide to the consecration, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website or click on the following link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/contentassets/415f85fc71064cf7a3810483bccb187d/marian-triduum-2024.pdf>



*God of infinite love,
I thank you for this feast of our
salvation,
right here in the middle of Lent.
I turn to you to beg for your help.
I need the inspiration and help of
Mary on this journey.
Please grant me the grace to be
humbly faithful
to what you are calling me to do.
Please give me what I need to be
free and to be your servant.
Please let Mary guide us in the
path to peace in our world.
I ask you this, in Jesus' name.*

Mother of Christ, Pray for us.



VOCATIONS

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life.

If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto**
416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

During the season of Lent, there is a board of envelopes in the foyer for “40 Days of Giving”. We invite you to collect an envelope of your choice to support the youth of our parish, as they continue to grow as strong disciples of Christ. We thank you for your generosity! Registration for camp is now open for students in Gr 5-8. The camp runs from Aug 16-20. To receive more information about the parent info night, please email Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com. There will be no Edge during the March Break. The next Life Teen night is on March 22 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm and the next Edge night is on March 28 at 7:30pm - 9pm.

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



ACT HEALS CANADA

40th Annual Canadian Conference
 Hope in the Midst of Grief
 Thursday April 24th – Sunday April 27th
 Mount Carmel Spiritual Retreat Centre
 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls

We invite and welcome anyone interested or involved in the promotion of Christian Holistic Healthcare. Our goal is to become healers with the heart of Jesus, to provide hope and encouragement when faced with difficult decisions, to be equipped to make a case for life in communication with others, and to be a witness of God’s love, healing, and mercy to our patients. For more information or to register, please contact Toni Bianchi at 416-670-9546 or Marie Lecce at 416-720-1781

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

It was a blessing to see everyone at our retreat this Saturday. **Regular classes will resume March 30/31.** Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; attendance is mandatory. **Confirmandi and their sponsors are required to participate in the Lenten Confession on Tuesday April 8th.** 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 have an accessibility permit and are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation. God Bless.

School	Confirmation Rehearsal Date	Confirmation Mass Date	Mandatory Lenten Confession
St. Josephine Bakhita	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm	<p><u>The Lenten Confession night is on Tue. Apr. 8th from 7pm - 10pm</u></p>
St. Jude	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm	
St. Francis de Sales	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm	
St. André Bessette	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm	
St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm	
Public/Private	Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm	
St. Patrick	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm	
Other Catholic	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm	

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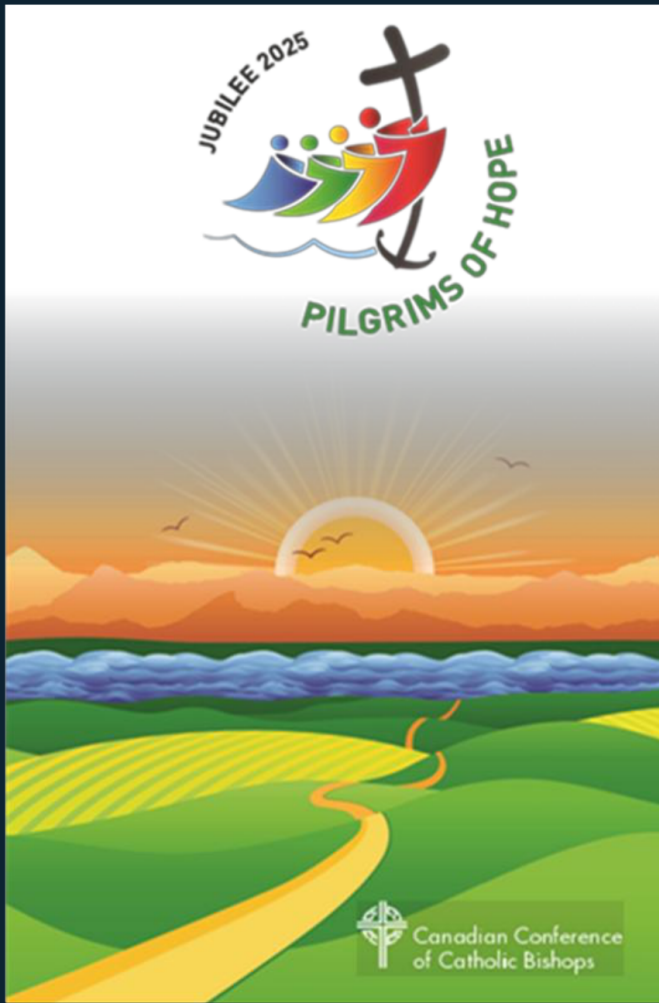
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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus

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