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

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*The Feast of
 Saint Francis de Sales*

Celebrating our Patron Saint's Feast Day

St. Francis de Sales: Patron Saint of Writers, Authors, Journalists, and the Catholic Press



Francis was born on August 21, 1567, and ordained to the priesthood in 1593. From 1594 to 1598 he labored at the difficult and dangerous task of preaching to the Protestants of Chablais and effected the return of some 70,000 souls to the Catholic faith. In 1602 he became bishop of Genf. His zeal for souls is attested in 21,000 extant letters and 4,000 sermons....

Most widely known is the saint's *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which, with the *Imitation of Christ*, is rightly considered the finest outline of Christian perfection. Francis' *Introduction* proves to the world that true piety makes persons amiable, lovable and happy....

How Francis developed a gentle and amiable disposition is a story in itself; he was not born a saint. By nature his temperament was choleric, fiery; little was needed to throw him into a state of violent anger. It took years before he mastered his impatience, his unruly temper.... The important point, of course, is that by constant perseverance he did in time attain perfect self-mastery. **Wherein lies a lesson.**" (Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch)

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor; Optional memorial of Our Lady of Peace - January 24, 2020 - Liturgical Calendar | Catholic Culture



*You learn to speak by speaking,
to study by studying,
to run by running,
to work by working,
and just so, you learn to love by loving.
All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves.*

- Saint Francis de Sales



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 27 JANUARY *St Angela Merici*
 9:00 AM + JADE DECASTRO
 + ALBERTO MARTINS
 + SHEILA LANG

TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY *St Thomas Aquinas*
 9:00 AM + JULIUS CARERRA
 + SHEILA LANG
 + JOSEPH & MONICA CHELLIAH

WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY
 9:00 AM + CHRISTOPHER KELLY
 + FRANCESCA & NOEL RABOT
 + CHRISTOPHER PESTANO

THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY
 9:00 AM S.I. BENJAMIN BURAGA
 + EDITHA TOLENTINO
 + SHEILA LANG

FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY *St John Bosco*
 7:00 PM + LUCIA PIPPO
 + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY
 9:00 AM S.I. CLEMENTS FAMILY
 + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
 5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
 + PASQUALE CORNACCHIA
 + JAKE ROBERTSON MCMAHON

SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY
 8:30 AM S.I. RATNAMA & FAMILY
 + UNA MARECHEAU
 + LOLITA BALTAZAR SANTOS
 10:15 AM + JOSE MOURA & FAMILY
 + PEDRO TAGUILASO
 + WILFREDA LAGMAY
 12:00 PM S.I. MICHELLE HENRIQUES
 + BERTRAND CALLISTE & MAGDALANE FRANCIS
 + GRACE D'SOUZA
 7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH


VOCATIONS



You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**
vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Visit our **NEW** website:

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Jubilee 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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 share 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.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
 Learn: How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. How to create your own legacy and about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals.
How to register:
 1. Follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb01
 2. Send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



The Knights of Columbus are having their annual Samosa Sale fundraiser! They will be selling samosas after all the Masses on the weekend of February 1/2. It will be 6 samosas for \$5 or 12 samosas for \$8.

2025 THE JUBILEE MASS

Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. In honour of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. For those who would like to come early to have their Confession heard, Confessions will be at 5:30pm.

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





Thank you to those who have made their preorders in support of the youth in our parish. Orders will be made available for pick up after Mass the weekend of March 1 and 2. If you missed making your preorder this weekend, don't worry! We will have a limited supply of donuts to sell that same weekend while supplies last. We thank you again for your continued support and generosity. For questions or further inquiries, please contact Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com.

God Bless!

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

An email scam targeting parishioners in Catholic churches across Canada continues to be active in the Archdiocese of Toronto. People in our parish have reported that a false email from Fr. Joe is being sent asking for electronic gift cards to be sent to another address so that they may be given to someone in need. Please exercise caution when checking email messages, report it is spam and do not click or open any attachments. Instead, please forward to: communications@archtoronto.org



“To bear with patience wrongs done to oneself is a mark of perfection, but to bear with patience wrongs done to someone else is a mark of imperfection and even of actual sin”.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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 May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We're continuing to prepare the children in class for their First Reconciliation on Saturday February 22, 2025. Please see below for the First Reconciliation times for each school group.

School	First Reconciliation & Passport Review #2
St. Andre Bessette	Saturday February 22 nd at 1:00 p.m.
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Saturday February 22 nd at 1:00pm
St. Francis de Sales	Saturday February 22 nd at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Saturday February 22 nd at 1:00pm
St. Jude	Saturday February 22 nd at 10:00am
St. Catherine of Siena	Saturday February 22 nd at 1:00pm
St. Patrick	Saturday February 22 nd at 10:00am

St. Francis de Sales Cultural Fun Day

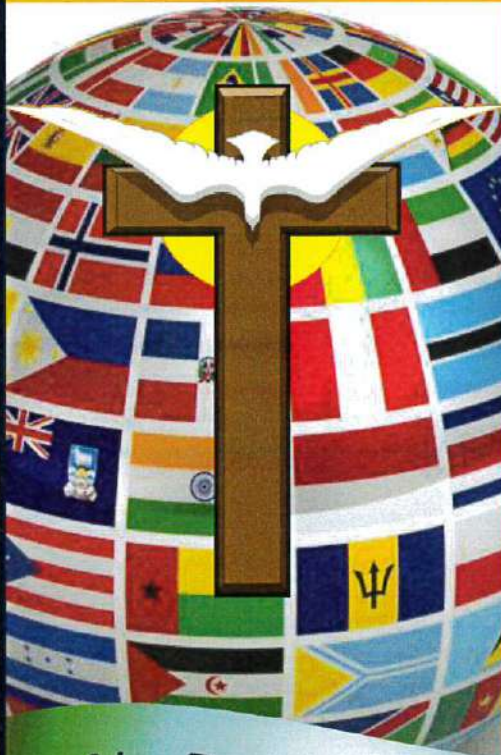
June 7, 2025: 11am to 3pm

We Need YOU to Help Make this Event a Success!

Register for a Display Table after Mass

February 1st & 2nd, 2025

More Information to be provided at sign-up



Register to showcase your Cultural Heritage

Registered Participants can showcase:

- Information about their culture including music, clothing, religious traditions, prayers etc.
- Provide handouts/activities (must be approved)
- Share one cultural dish for a giant parish potluck

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No Registration Fee

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Celebrating the Fruits of God's Call

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Matthew 2:19



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