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### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30th, 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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- People with Special Needs
- Children and Youth
- International Development and Missions

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### Some Agencies supported by Your

**Catholic Family Services of Durham** ... [provides] evidence-based clinical therapy, psycho-educational counselling and support.

**Natural Family Planning Association** ... helps women and couples [with]... preventing pregnancy and achieving pregnancy.

**Covenant House Toronto** ... offers a place to stay and 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, providing a wide range of services under one roof....

**Camp Ozanam** Referred by social service agencies, school boards and parishes, boys ... receive a safe summer camp experience....

**Office of Catholic Youth**...serves youth, campus and young adult ministries ... by providing support and training to parish youth and young adult ministries, and to university chaplaincies.

**Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence** ...a long-term care home [that] helps residents maintain a high quality of life....

**Rose of Durham** offers young parents ... critical programs to help them deal with the challenges of pregnancy, childbirth and parenting.

**Catholic Crosscultural Services** ... provides immigrants and refugees ... services to make transition and integration .... in Canada easier.

**International Development & Missions** [Supports, through Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace] development projects in the global south, provide emergency relief in times of disaster ....

**Office of Vocations** ... assist[s] Catholics find their own particular and unique vocation ... (priesthood, religious and consecrated life or the permanent diaconate).

**Hospital Chaplaincy** ... coordinates pastoral and sacramental care to Catholic patients in large acute care hospitals.

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 31 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. JULIET LOWING  
+ NOEL & MELANIE RABOT  
+ NICK SHAW

TUESDAY, 1 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
S.I. SARA DUTERTY  
+ MARIA CONSOLACION DURAN

WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. PATRICK  
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING  
+ PHILOMINA KRISH

THURSDAY, 3 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JOSEPH  
+ MODESTA C. DANTES  
+ NAPOLEON F. MENEZ SR.

FRIDAY, 4 APRIL

7:00 PM + NICOLA MAIORANO  
+ DOMENICO MAIORANO  
+ BRUNA CALIA

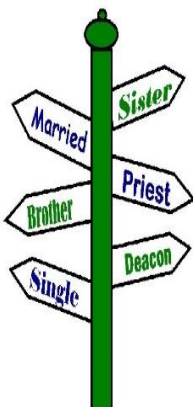
SATURDAY, 5 APRIL

9:00 AM + RENATO PACHECO  
+ BERYL REBEIRO  
+ JOSEPH, MARGARET & DANIEL GAGNE  
5:00 PM S.I. FRANCENE HARRIOTT  
+ MIKE ELLUL & WERNER KUENZLE  
+ MARY DONOVAN & STAN XAVIER

SUNDAY, 6 APRIL

8:30 AM S.I. FRANCIS & VINITA PALATHIL  
+ JOSEPH CHEEKU PALAYATHIL  
+ RICHARD DILLON JOSEPH SR & RICHARD  
DILLON JOSEPH JR  
10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE MALCOLM  
GOMES  
+ SANTO NANIA  
+ FRANCESCA ALACQUA  
12:00 PM + JOHNNY COUTINHO  
+ MICHAEL SFERRUZZI  
+ PERCY DEMELLO  
7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

### VOCATIONS



Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

# 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.



### 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, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### The Catholic Netflix for kids and adults!

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) offers a variety of Catholic Lent resources, including videos, reflections, study programs, and daily meditations to help individuals and families grow in faith during this season of penance and renewal. These resources are designed to guide you through a meaningful Lenten journey with engaging content that encourages prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To access these resources, simply sign up by visiting [formed.org](http://formed.org), searching for "St. Francis de Sales, Ajax" under the parish selection, and following the prompts to create your account. Once registered, you'll have access to a wealth of inspiring content tailored to this holy season.

**Visit our NEW website:**

[www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org](http://www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org)



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. **There is a parent information night for both the Edge and High School Camps on Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm.** If you have any further questions, please email Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com. God Bless!

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



**ACT HEALS CANADA**

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Conference**  
**Hope in the Midst of Grief**  
**Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 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**

**Regular classes resume this weekend.** 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. Confirmandi and their sponsors are required to participate in the Lenten Confession on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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><b><u>The Lenten Confession night is on Tue. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 10pm</u></b></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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**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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