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### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6th, 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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# THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK

Dr. Brant Pitre



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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 7 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. SHEENA GRAVESANDE  
+ MARIE SMIDOVA  
+ TEOFILO, CORAZON, LORETTA & SIOKBE YOUNG

#### TUESDAY, 8 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JEYASEELI CHANDRAN  
+ HERMANO OLIVEIRA  
+ CHANDRAMOHAN DHARMARATNAM

#### WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. LORRAINE MALIK  
+ SHEILA LANG

#### THURSDAY, 10 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. FOR THE HEALING OF MARY TERESA NOEL FERNANDO  
+ CIRIACO GALAPIN  
+ NOEL FERNANDO

#### FRIDAY, 11 APRIL

7:00 PM S.I. SILOGINA FERNANDO  
+ BERNADETTE FERNANDES  
+ ASUNTA FERNANDO

#### SATURDAY, 12 APRIL

9:00 AM + LUIZ GOMES

#### 5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, 13 APRIL

8:30 AM + CHARLES COOK  
+ CLARITA & ANASTACIO VALENZUELA  
+ ROSARIO MONTALBAN TONDO  
10:15 AM + MAUREEN HOWARD  
+ KUMAR ROOPNARINE  
+ FR. JACOB NARIKUZHAY & JOSEPH NARIKUZHAY  
12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI  
+ FRANCISCO RODRIGUES  
+ BRICE CUTIHNO  
7:00 PM S.I. FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CORDEIRO & D'COSTA FAMILIES  
+ EVELYN PACO JO  
+ GIORGIO D'AMICO

### VOCATIONS

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**



### 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.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday – April 17 - NO 9 AM Mass**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:30pm**.  
Adoration until **10:30pm**

**Good Friday – April 18 - NO 9 AM Mass**  
**11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.**  
Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.

**PARKING: At the CLC for the 1pm & 3pm services only.**  
**Stations of the Cross at 7 PM**

**Holy Saturday – April 19 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses**  
Easter Vigil at **8:30 PM (no confession)**

#### **Easter Sunday – April 20**

Masses **8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass**  
**PARKING: At the CLC for the 12pm Mass only.**

### BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. **We will have a blessing of the Easter baskets on Saturday April 19th at 12:00noon.**



Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday April 23**. We will begin with Mass at **11:30 a.m.** followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish. Please join us for some faith and fellowship. **If you are planning to attend, please contact: Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 or by email at [mellen.stinson@gmail.com](mailto:mellen.stinson@gmail.com). In case of inclement weather, please call Mary Ellen or the parish office.**

**Visit our NEW website:**

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## 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. **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.*



## SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY

Calling all Spring Cleaners! The St. Vincent de Paul society will be collecting gently used clothing and linens on the weekend of April 26/27. You can drop off your items at the truck that will be located in the east parking lot. Please note they are not accepting any appliances, furniture, mattresses or dishes.



The CWL will have their General Meeting on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the foyer of the church. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

## 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

**Confirmandi and their sponsors are required to participate in the Lenten Confession this Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>. An email was sent out regarding the attire for the Confirmation Mass.** 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.** 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	<b><u>The Lenten Confession night is on Tue. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 10pm</u></b>
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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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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