



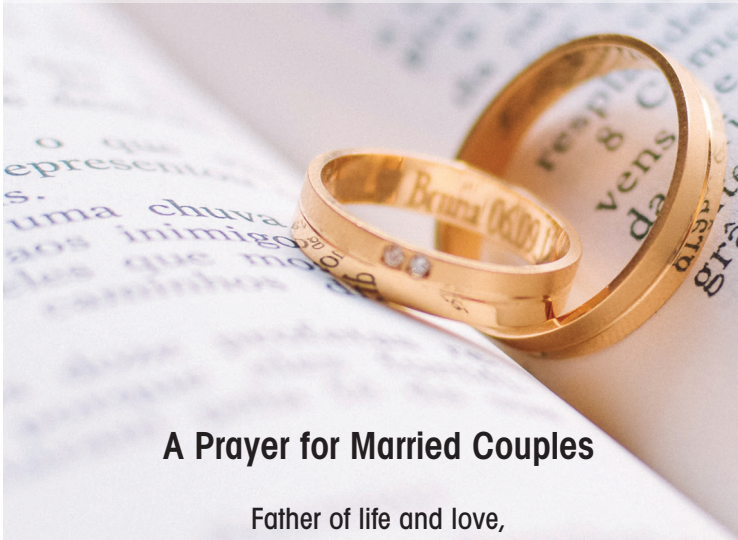
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Marriage Sunday

February 9th, 2025



A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love,
 You created us in your image – woman and man.
 We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.
 Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper
 understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance
 and direction in our relationship.
 In marriage you call and challenge us
 to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.
 Be our strength and support, therefore,
 as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,
 honest commitment united in love.
 Give us your strength to carry each other
 in times of darkness,
 your joy in times of happiness,
 and your gift of awe in the uniqueness
 and sacredness of each other.
 May our love be a reflection and a sign
 of your love in the world. — Amen.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life & Family (COLF)

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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Marriage Sunday



Blessings to all who commit to the journey of love called marriage



In marriage we commit to imitating Christ's love for us.

This type of love withstands all tests and trials, with patience and perseverance.

It requires us to let go of a pride that can divide the two who've been made one.

It seeks the good of the other, even when anger or retribution cry within us.

We learn to let go of worldly goals, and seek that which is of heaven.

This type of love is forged stronger when forgiveness and peace are realized.

It accepts God as our Creator, and we desire to be conformed to His will and image; something that is greater than anything humans can create.

And in our imitation of Christ and yielding to God's divine wisdom, spouses help each other get to heaven and do the same for their children. This is a couple's vocation in Christ – imitation of His love for His Bride, the Church.



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY *St Scholastica*
 9:00 AM + MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D’SOUZA
 + ASUNTA FERNANDO
 + OFELIA ALIALY

TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 9:00 AM + MONICA SAMARASEKERA
 + BERNADETTE FERNANDES
 + CARMEN & FREDERICK OCULAM

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY
 9:00 AM S.I. FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED
 + MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D’SOUZA
 + ASUNTA FERNANDO

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY
 9:00 AM S.I. PEACE OF MIND FOR YAMSON FAMILY
 + FRANCIS GERBIS
 + MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D’SOUZA

FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY *Sts Cyril & Methodius*
 7:00 PM S.I. FOR THE CLEMENTS FAMILY
 + LINDA DANN
 + MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D’SOUZA

SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY
 9:00 AM S.I. SIMEONA BURAGA
 + MICHAEL MURRAY
 + EDUARDO AMARAL

5:00 PM + PAT CORNACCHIA
 + SR BARBARA DESMOND
 + ALAN STUART PLUMMER

SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY
 8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

10:15 AM + JOSE ANTONIO & JUSTINA PUIM & FAMILY
 + RICARDO RICCI
 + CLOTILDE CARDENAS
 + FE DAGUMAN

12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI
 + FE DAGUMAN

7:00 PM NO MASS

SENIOR’S MASS & LUNCH

Our Seniors’ Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday February 19**. 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: Rosemary Plantinga at 416-894-7138. In case of inclement please call Rosemary or the office.**

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2025

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$50,206
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,630
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,580
SHARE LIFE	\$99,000	\$91,508
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,556,665



The CWL General Meeting and Installation of new members will be held on February 12 at 7:00pm. Ladies of the parish are invited to attend if you are interested to learn more about the CWL or want to join.



Lift Jesus Higher Rally Toronto
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March 29, 2025

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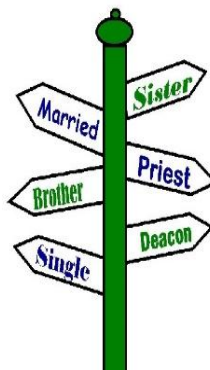
Thank you to everyone who made their pre-orders in support of the youth going to Edge Camp. Orders will be picked up after all Masses the weekend of March 1/2. In addition to a limited number of donuts for sale that weekend.

The next Edge night will be this coming Friday, Feb 14 for student in Gr’s 6-8 from 7:30pm-9pm. Students in high school have their next Life Teen night on Saturday, Feb 22 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

VOCATIONS

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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
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DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites you to join the Create Hope: Reaping Our Rights campaign. Peasant and rural communities in the Global South are facing challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil and water by private corporations.

Together, let’s call on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants’ rights. Do your bit by signing our campaign letter at devp.org/act! To learn more about peasants’ rights and due diligence, visit devp.org/campaign. To stay updated with this campaign and for more ways to get involved, email Joe Modeste: jm01714@rogers.com.

"O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me". – Our Lady of Lourdes

MEN SILENT IGNATIAN WEEKEND

**Fr. Kevin Kelly, SJ Presents
The Wisdom of Henri Nouwen: Guidance for the
Lenten Journey
March 14-16
Manresa Retreat Centre**

Henri Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest, a professor, and a psychologist as well as a spiritual guide and writer. He wrote with great openness about faith, spiritual development, prayer, and other aspects of our journeys with God. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to help people connect with their vulnerabilities in order to grow in trust and intimacy.

This Lenten retreat will consider this and other common themes in Nouwen’s writing, such as being the beloved of God, giving and receiving forgiveness, growing in hope, and accepting one’s limitations. The focus will be on providing concrete ways to incorporate these ideas into our prayer lives.

Register online at Manresa-canada.ca

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



CONFIRMATION

There will be **NO CLASS** next week due to the Family Day Weekend. **The letter of intent is due on February 23/24.** 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



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