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FAMILY DAY

February 16th, 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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Heavenly Father,
 Please *bless* our families with Your love and
protect us from harm. Give us *grace* to
 forgive, *strength* to overcome the difficulties
 we face, and *fortitude* to keep us together
 when the world tries to pull us apart.
 In Jesus name, Amen

CONNECT WITH US!

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St. Francis de Sales Parish

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

Happy Family Day

Celebrate joyfully and know that we are *Family*

The True Kindred of Jesus

...Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 12: 48-50

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is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
keeps no record of wrongs
does not delight in evil
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always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres
Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13: 4-6



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D'SOUZA
+ MRS. SELVAMARY PACKIYANATHER

TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + SIMON D'CRUZ
+ ALLEN TRISTIAN ESPIRITU
+ MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D'SOUZA

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + JOHN MURPHY
+ MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D'SOUZA
+ JOSEPH LUONG

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + SANTO NANIA
+ EDWINA MALONEY
+ MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D'SOUZA

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM S.I. FELIX ANGCO
S.I. MARIA GEROCHE
+ MARIA JOYCE & PETER FELEX D'SOUZA

SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
5:00 PM + JOHN ANGUS MACLEAN
+ VICTOR KWAN
+ CLOTILDE CARDENAS

SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM + PASQUALE CORNACCHIA
+ ESTEU ALCANTARS

10:15 AM + ALFREDO DOMINGO JR.
+ JOSE RENDON BARROSO
+ FIORELLA POYATOS
12:00 PM + SHEILA CARMICHAEL
+ MICHAEL SFERRUZZI
+ GLORIA SANTA ANA
7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As we begin a new year, the Parish Finance Council asks you to consider the Pre-Authorization Giving Plan (PAG). If you are already a PAG user, it is a good time to review and consider updating your monthly giving. It is now possible to include Mortgage & Building Fund Donations in your monthly PAG.

For other parishioners, you can simplify your donations with the convenience of a once monthly (20th day each month) direct debit from your selected bank account. You can now utilize this for Regular Offertory, Mortgage and Building Fund donations. An added convenience, this allows continual support for the parish when you are away. For other donations you can continue to use envelopes provided.

For the Parish, PAG allows the parish to plan better through regular and dependable flow of contributions, and the added benefit of the reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

Some parishioners have indicated a preference to donate by credit card. Credit card service fees take from 1.5 - 3% for each individual donation. Whereas with PAG there is only a .14 cent administration fee per total amount of your monthly donations.

For more information see the enclosed PAG Brochure, which provides more details or visit the Parish Website or call the Parish Office.

<https://stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/pag-stfrancis-de-sales-2024.pdf>



The CWL Craft Day will be held on February 27, 2025 at the North Room of the Church from 10am to 12noon. Ladies of the parish are invited. If you are interested, please contact Janet Gazarek at janetgazarek@hotmail.com. You may bring your own project or help the CWL ladies with their projects.



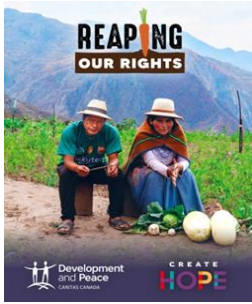
Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday February 19**. We will begin with **Mass at 11:30 a.m.** followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish. Please join us for some faith and fellowship. **If you are planning to attend, please contact: Rosemary Plantinga at 416-894-7138. In case of inclement weather, please call Rosemary or the parish office.**



Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE



On behalf of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, we thank you for helping us reap our rights together!

In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis reminds us that “everything is connected” and “no one is saved alone” (LD, 19). This is why peasant farmers in the Global South

need our solidarity to ensure that their rights are respected. If you haven’t already done so, please sign our campaign letter at devp.org/act to ask Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation. To learn more about peasants’ rights and due diligence, visit www.devp.org/campaign. To stay updated with this campaign and for more ways to get involved, email Joe Modeste: jmo1714@rogers.com.



"What matters is not your outward appearance but your inner disposition. Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle gracious kind that God delights in".
 – St. Peter the Apostle

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** this weekend due to the Family Day Long 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 have an accessibility permit and 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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- MUSIC MINISTRY
- BAPTISM PREPERATION TEAM
- CONFIRMATION PREPERATION TEAM
- CONSOLATION & HOPE
- CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- LEGION OF MARY
- ROSARY APOSTOLATE (school visits)
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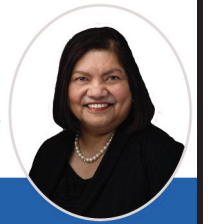
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