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## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 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.

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### DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SATURDAY 9:00 am  
FRIDAY 7:00 pm

### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm  
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
Anytime by appointment

### DEVOTIONS

**Adoration & Holy Hour:** FRIDAY 6pm - 7pm

### Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers  
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Homebound

### Ministries that serve the parish or extended community:

Catholic Woman's League  
Knight of Columbus  
Legion of Mary  
Bereavement  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Development & Peace

*"The Measure of Love, is Love without Measure"*



Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it.

**How to Lent** is a new series from the **Augustine Institute** that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Guided by Solenne Santiago** and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using **How to Lent** to **transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.**

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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY**

**9:00 AM S.I. ELAINE ARSONAULT  
+ SONIA LIM**

**TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY**

**9:00 AM S.I. KENROY MURRAY  
+ NORBERTO & VIRGILIA TEOFILO**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY**

**9:00 AM S.I. EILEEN BEARDY  
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY**

**THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY**

**9:00 AM + ALBERTO MARTINS  
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY**

**FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY**

**7:00 PM S.I. FOR THE CLEMENTS FAMILY  
S.I. FOR APRIL MC DONALD**

**SATURDAY, 1 MARCH**

**9:00 AM S.I. CELIA & IAN MCNEIL  
S.I. MALONE FAMILY  
+ JUN TENORIO**  
**5:00 PM + FRANCIS MCMICHAEL  
+ CLARENCE & DENIS CHUNG TIAN-FOOK  
+ MICHAEL DAVIS**

**SUNDAY, 2 MARCH**

**8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
**10:15 AM + PRIYANI JAYASINGHE  
+ MARIA SORTINO  
+ JOSEPH SEQUEIRA**  
**12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI  
+ FE DAGUMAN  
+ ASTRED NAVARRO**  
**7:00 PM + NAZARIO & OLGA PEREIRA  
+ ROY IGHARAS  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
MONTOUTE & VOLNEY FAMILY**



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](mailto:janetgazarek@hotmail.com). You may bring your own project or help the CWL ladies with their projects.

**Visit our NEW website:**

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

### 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.

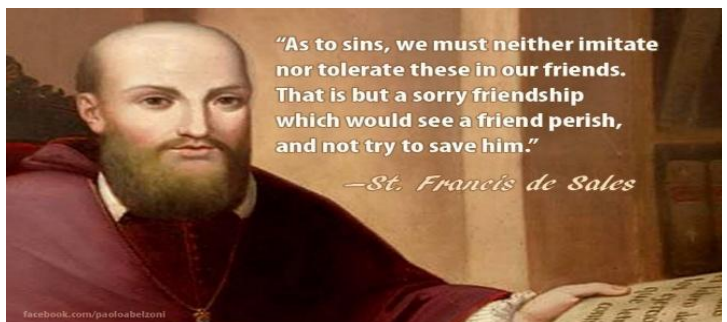
For more information see the enclosed PAG Brochure, which provides more details or visit the Parish Website or call the Parish Office.

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



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

The next Edge night will be this coming Friday, Feb 28 for student in Gr's 6-8 from 7:30pm-9pm. Students in high school have their next Life Teen night on Saturday, Mar 8 from 6:30pm-8:30pm



## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

### Participate in the National Launch Webinar

Turn Debt into Hope Lent Campaign

To learn all about Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new Share Lent /ShareLife Campaign, join the launch webinar on March 1st at 1:30 p.m. ET. The panel will comprise:

- Dean Dettloff, Advocacy Officer at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, who will present the links between Jubilee, debt and the global Turn Debt into Hope Lent Campaign
- Javier Jahncke, a human rights lawyer with our Peruvian partner the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS), who will talk about ecological debt and his organization's work

Interpretation will be provided in French, English and Spanish

To Register visit: [www.devp.org/events](http://www.devp.org/events)

RESERVE THE DATE for the Durham Region

Turn Debt into Hope Lent Campaign Launch

Saturday, March 8th 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

St. John the Evangelist Church



### Lift Jesus Higher Rally Toronto "Power From on High"

March 29, 2025

9am to 5:30pm

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## VOCATIONS



The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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



## 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](http://Manresa-canada.ca)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children on receiving the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend. If your child was unable to attend, please contact Mrs Selda as soon as possible, as this sacrament is required in order for the children to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please also contact Mrs Selda if your child did not submit their passport this weekend. The First Communion preparation classes will begin in April for all the children attending our six parish schools and the RCIC classes will also resume in April. We look forward to seeing the children at Mass each week as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

## CONFIRMATION

**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.





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- CONSOLATION & HOPE
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- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- LEGION OF MARY
- ROSARY APOSTOLATE (school visits)
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