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# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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December 21st 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 9:00 am **SATURDAY** 

**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 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm **SATURDAY** 

or by appointment

**OFFICE HOURS** 

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (church open until 5pm) 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm SATURDAY

SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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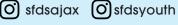
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God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond. — Amen





St. Francis de Sales Parish

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER** 

9:00 AM + ROBERT SAPTEL

**TUESDAY, 23 DECEMBER** 

9:00 AM + SIMON, SYDNEY & SYLVIA D'SOUZA

WEDNESDAY, 24 DECEMBER

4:00 PM + BARBARA CANNATA

6:00PM + RICHARD, DORIS & MARILYN MCKEE

+ MR & MRS FIC

+ MR & MRS TVRDON

9:00PM CHRISTIAN REVENTAR

11:30PM + IAN LOWING, JAMES & SHEILA BAPTIST

**THURSDAY. 25 DECEMBER** 

10:00 AM + MARGARET WALSH 12:00 PM + ROZINA CRASTO

FRIDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. ARTHUR RONALD NAVASERO

+ GRACE RODRIGUES

+ PRIYANI JAYASINGHE & DONBOSCO

**GABRIELPILLAI** 

+ HUBERT & GLORIA MONTEIRO

**SATURDAY, 27 DECEMBER** 

9:00 AM S.I. JOHN BLACK

5:00 PM + ALBERTO MARTINS

**SUNDAY, 28 DECEMBER** 

8:30 AM S.I. GABRIEL THOMAS

10:15 AM S.I. DYLAN & JAIME FERNANDES

12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI 7:00 PM NO EVENING MASS



#### **VOCATIONS**

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

### <u>PARKING – FIRE ROUTES</u>



We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do <u>not</u> park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time

accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply.

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#### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

<u>Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24</u> (Holy Day of Obligation)

4 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25** 

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31th at: 5 p.m.

Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> at: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

To fulfill your Christmas obligation, you will have to attend one of the Masses on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is also a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics in Canada. To fulfill this obligation, you must attend Mass on either New Years Eve or New Years Day.

#### **2026 OFFERTORY BOXES**



Please be sure to pick up your 2026 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Please do not use the 2026 envelopes until January 1.

Please continue to use the 2025 envelopes to the December 28. If you have requested envelopes over the past couple of weeks, the envelopes will not be ready until the second or third weekend in January. Please continue to use the visitor's envelopes located in the pew pockets and print your name and address clearly on the lines. Thank you for your understanding and generosity!



The Ajax Public Library is recognizing Christian Heritage Month by displaying cultural nativity sets from various churches in the library for the month of December. Several of our nativity sets from Christmas around the world are in this display. Please drop by the Audley Branch to check them out!

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



# **SL** ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. To date, we have collected \$83,889 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 80% of our parish goal, which is \$104,000. You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: www.sharelife.org



Please note, the Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15am Mass. All children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are invited to participate in this fun and faith filled ministry.



Thank you to all students who attended our Edge and Life Teen nights the past few weeks! We will be on Christmas break and return in the new year. The first Edge night is on January 23 for students in Gr 6-8. Whereas for the high school students attending Life Teen, your first night will be on Saturday, January 17 Wishing everyone an amazing, restful and prayerful Christmas. God Bless!



#### **MARRIAGE & COMMUNION**

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest. If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.



# FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

We hope you and your children are enjoying this beautiful Advent Season! We pray that you get to slow down, make fun memories and that you find wonderful ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please remember that if you are visiting another Parish during the Christmas Season, to pick up a bulletin so that we can add a stamp to your child's passport the following week. Please also remember to add February 28th to your family calendar for your child's Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please see the back of your passport for the time for your child's school. We look forward to our grade 2 class visits in our 6 Parish schools starting in January as well as continuing with the RCIC classes. We are excited to see all of the children at Mass during this very special time of the year! **Don't forget, you** also need to attend Mass on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

God Bless, Dawn Selda

#### **CONFIRMATION**

It was so nice to see all the students who attended the Advent Confession night on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, please ensure your child goes to confession **ASAP**. For those who do not have their confirmation workbook, you will receive yours on the first day of class.

If you are visiting another Parish during the Christmas Season, please pick up a bulletin so that we can add a stamp to your child's passport the following week. Please ensure your family attends another Mass this weekend to fulfill the Christmas obligation.

As a reminder, Father asks all students to wait until the priest reaches the back of the church before heading to the passport station. Thank-you to those who have been following and respecting this guideline.

We hope you and your children enjoyed this beautiful Advent Season! We pray that you get to slow down, make fun memories and that you are prepared for the birth of Our Saviour.

God Bless, Noah Aquino





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