



# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### *The Nativity of the Lord*

December 25th 2025



*Good news and great joy to all  
the world: today is **born** our Saviour,  
Christ the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Luke 2 : 10-11

**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 - 4:00 pm (church open until 5pm)  
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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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**



Please note, Mass on Friday December 26th will be at 9am. The parish office will also be closed from December 23 to January 4 for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open on January 5. See you in the new year!

## VOCATIONS



We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you **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)

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<https://stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org/>



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24**

**(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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

## PARKING – FIRE ROUTES



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

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.

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



## REFLECTION

Christmas, without the celebration of Easter does not make much sense. The purpose of the Word of the Father taking on human flesh finds its meaning in the events we celebrate during Holy Week and Easter. Some of the connections between the two important seasons of the Church may not be that obvious. This Sunday and the following Sundays, we take a look at some of those connections.

In St. Luke's Gospel, we read, "...*she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn*" (Lk 2:7). The New Testament was written in Greek and the word used for "Inn" is *katalyma*, which, when properly translated means "upper room." Given ancient customs, Mary and Joseph would have stayed with relatives in Bethlehem. When it came time for Mary to deliver her Son, the place they were staying at, was too small to accommodate them in the upper room. Mary then places the Baby Jesus in the "manger" (a feeding trough for animals). Jesus may not have been born in a cave as we see depicted at Christmas time.

Fast forward to Holy Week, specifically, Holy Thursday. Jesus tells His Apostles to make preparations to celebrate Passover, "...*say to the master of the house, 'The teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room that is furnished.*" (Lk 22:11-12). That "large upper room" is translated in Greek as *katalyma*. It is there in that large upper room that Jesus will give to His Apostles and the world, His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink. What Mary started by placing her Son in a feed trough in Bethlehem, Jesus would bring to completion by giving us His Flesh and Blood for human consumption. Jesus in His human body at Christmas; Jesus in His Eucharistic body at Easter. Yet the one and same Jesus. This is one of the reasons why the Word of the Father took on human existence.

***Merry Christmas Everyone!***

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we gather to celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible gift that this time brings to each of us. Christmas is not just a day; it is a season of hope, love, and renewal. It is the celebration of God's profound love for us, demonstrated through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

In the midst of our busy lives, let us take time to pause and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas. May we open our hearts to the peace and joy that Christ brings, allowing His light to shine brightly in our lives and in the world around us. This is a perfect time to reach out to those in need, to share kindness, and to extend our love to family, friends, and neighbors.

As we come together in faith and community, let us remember that we are called to be bearers of Christ's light. May the spirit of Christmas fill your homes with joy and your hearts with love. I wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Feliz Navidad! Buen Natale!

With our priestly blessings!

***Fr Joe, Fr Derek, Deacon Alban and the Pastoral team***

## FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

Merry Christmas! We wish all the children, their families and our sacramental team a beautiful Christmas full of hope, peace, joy and lots of love. We pray for great health and safe journey's as you enjoy each special moment of this Christmas season. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children in January when we begin our grade 2 class visits at our 6 Parish schools. The Confirmation preparation classes will also begin in January at the Parish. We are looking forward to getting to know your children, as they prepare for their special sacraments.

Christmas Blessings, Dawn Selda and Noah Aquino

