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Happy  
**Easter**  
April 20th, 2025

He is not here.  
He has risen.  
Just as  
He said.  
Matthew 28:6

**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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St. Francis de Sales Parish

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# H E I S R I S E N

C E L E B R A T E   T H E   S A V I O R

**FOR WE NOW DIE IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE**

“...he brought them out of darkness and gloom,  
and broke their bonds asunder.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.”

Psalm 107: 14-15

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## EASTER SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 21 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JACOB & GABRIELE RAGGIUNTI AND  
SEBASTINO ARGENTINO  
+ JADE DECASTRO  
+ INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO

#### TUESDAY, 22 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. TONY & MAVIS SILVEIRA  
+ CONRADO BURAGA  
+ JOSEPH VANNIASINKAM

#### WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JULIE GALEA  
S.I. BENJAMIN BURAGA  
S.I. MARIA CORAZON SANTIAGO PEREZ

#### THURSDAY, 24 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. TONY & MAVIS SILVEIRA  
+ CORINNE GERBIS  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KAISER  
FAMILY

#### FRIDAY, 25 APRIL

7:00 PM S.I. DEACON DAMIAN  
S.I. MICHAEL VIECHWEG  
S.I. MATTHEW BLACK

#### SATURDAY, 26 APRIL

9:00 AM + JOSE DO REGO OLIVEIRA  
+ BASIL RICHARD  
+ ROY JOHN BAPTISTE  
5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, 27 APRIL

8:30 AM + ROBERT CALLAGHAN  
+ ADELINO GOMES  
+ EVA AFGHANI, LUIS DIOLATA &  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF DIOLATA FAMILY  
10:15 AM S.I. TRISTEN & RENNE FERNANDES  
S.I. KELLY SARMENTO  
+ ALBERTO MARTINS  
12:00 PM S.I. LALLA FAMILY  
+ MICHAEL SFERRUZZI  
+ IVOR, VIOLET & OWEN PENN  
7:00 PM + BARBARA & JOHNSON VARGHESE  
+ JANNETTE SABERON  
+ ALLAN RAMOS



### EASTER BLESSINGS

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!" This "day" is not a 24 hour period but eternal life in Christ. Eternity with Christ and His Father and Holy Spirit has been inaugurated at that first Easter. This is exactly Who we were made for.

On behalf of Fr. Derek, Deacon Alban and the rest of the pastoral team, I hope and pray that your Lenten practices have deepened your joy and hope in Christ.

He is risen. Happy Easter.

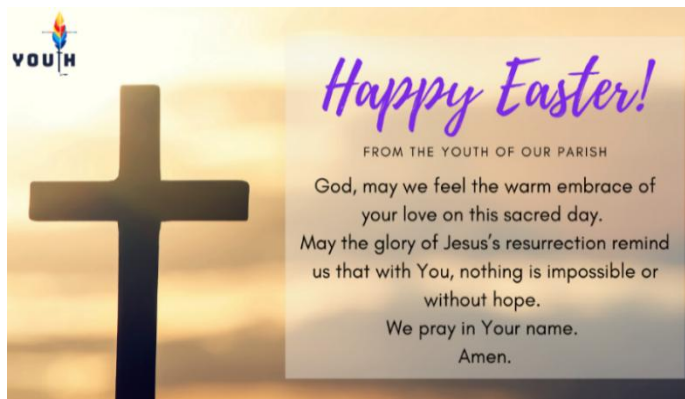
Fr. Joseph Singh



St. Francis de Sales will have a Holy Hour dedicated to Divine Mercy on **Sunday 27 April** from **2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. To pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet visit: [www.divinemercy.org](http://www.divinemercy.org)

### SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY

Calling all Spring Cleaners! The St. Vincent de Paul society will be collecting gently used clothing and linens on the weekend of **April 26/27**. You can drop off your items at the truck that will be located in the east parking lot. Please note they are not accepting any appliances, furniture, mattresses or dishes.



*Please note, the parish office will be closed on Monday 21 April due to the Easter Monday holiday. Have a Happy Easter!*

Visit our **NEW** website:

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



Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday April 23**. 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: Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 or by email at [mellen.stinson@gmail.com](mailto:mellen.stinson@gmail.com). In case of inclement weather, please call Mary Ellen or the parish office.**

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



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE** **CHANGE TO MASS INTENTIONS**

After the pastoral visit of Bishop Vincent Nguyen to our parish from 28 February to 2 March 2025, it was discovered that the parish does not have permission to have 3 intentions per Mass. This custom of having three intentions per Mass was started by the previous pastor Fr. Joseph Grima. The Church only allows two days a week to have multiple intentions. We will have as much as twenty intentions for Wednesday and Friday Masses. For the remaining days, we will only have one intention per Mass time. We will start this as of 1 May 2025. If you've already booked an intention, we will honour those intentions.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Happy Easter! I pray that you are all having a beautiful weekend, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus.

We're looking forward to seeing the children soon, as we continue with the First Communion preparation classes. We know that many families are beginning to look for your child's First Communion attire. Please see below for the guidelines:

**Boys** -in their Sunday best with white dress shirt and dark pants

-preferably in a suit but not necessary -First Communion arm bands are allowed

**Girls** -in a white or off-white dress -no gloves, no purses and no veil covering the face

**For both boys and girls:** no running shoes, no prayer books, and no rosary beads during the time of Mass

We look forward to seeing the children at Mass as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

## **CONFIRMATION**

Wishing all of our families a blessed and happy Easter! Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; **attendance is mandatory for both the students and parents. It is preferred that the sponsor is present if available.**

God Bless.

School	Confirmation Rehearsal Date	Confirmation Mass Date
St. Josephine Bakhita	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm
St. Jude	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm
St. Francis de Sales	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm
St. André Bessette	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm
Public/Private	Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm
St. Patrick	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm
Other Catholic	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm





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**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



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**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,  
with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.


May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

*Franciscus*


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