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The First Sunday of Advent

November 30th 2025



*Almighty God, grant that your people,
may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only
Begotten Son, that, as the author of our salvation,
He himself has taught us, we may hasten, alert and
with lighted lamps meet him when he comes.
— Amen*

PRAYER FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL 2011

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, 1 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + ADAM & LUDWIK MALINOWSKI

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + FREDERICK OCULAM

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PHILLIP
AND PHILLIPS FAMILIES
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FREEMAN
FAMILY
+ THEODORE, BENCY & SHIRAN PEIRIS
+ HUBERT MONTEIRO

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + MAUREEN SULLIVAN

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + TONY SILVEIRA
+ CHARLES & CECILIA CLEMENTS

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. FOR THE UZOMA FAMILY
+ ANGELINE D'SOUZA

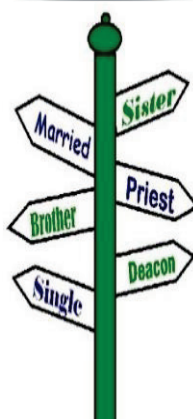
5:00 PM + VICTOR KWAN
+ MARY KING

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER

8:30 AM S.I. VIJAY PALAYATHIL
10:15 AM + CHARLOTTE RANASINGHE
12:00 PM + JOHNNY COUTINHO
+ MICHAEL SFERRUZZI
7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



Please note, the Friday week day Mass has been moved from 7pm to 9am to accommodate our Christmas Concert in the evening.



VOCATIONS

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org
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Visit our website:

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

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 \$82,254 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 79% 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

2025 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. Thank you for your generosity!

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. Please remember to print clearly your full name and address on them. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT



St Francis de Sales will have it's annual Advent Confession Night Tuesday 16 December from 7 – 10 PM. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas. There will be NO confessions on Saturday 20 December.



The next Life Teen night for students in Gr 9-12 will be December 6 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The next Edge night for students in Gr 6-8, will be on Thursday, December 11 from 7:30pm - 9pm. If you haven't registered for either youth groups, you can do so through the parish website. For any questions or concerns, please contact Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com. We thank the whole parish for their continued support and prayers for the future of the church. God bless.

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





SFDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The St. Francis de Sales choirs will be hosting our **Annual Christmas Carol Concert on Friday December 5th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Through this concert, we hope to strengthen our parish community as well as raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul society and our parish Mortgage Fund. **Tickets are on sale after all the Masses in the foyer.** Tickets are \$10 for adults (13 and over), \$5 for children, and children 5 years old and younger get in free. There is also a \$20 family pass that includes two adults and two children. Make sure to get your tickets before they sell out! We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun night of faith and fellowship!



Knights of Columbus

The K of C are hosting a **Christmas Dinner & Dance on Saturday December 27th at St. Nedela Banquet Hall, Ajax.** Please join us to celebrate the season with good food, great company, and Christmas cheer! Tickets are on sale in the church foyer. It will be \$75 for adults and \$20 for children. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, dancing, and so much more. We hope to see you there!



If you are giving to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Outreach Program, please drop off your donations in boxes on the wall at the back of the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity!

6 WAYS TO GET READY FOR ADVENT		
<p>PREPARE YOUR HEART Offer your heart as a dwelling place for the Holy Family to live in. Ask Jesus, Joseph and Mary to help you live out Advent as a time to prepare and wait for the coming of our Saviour's birth.</p>	<p>CREATE AN ADVENT CALENDAR Countdown until Christmas Day by creating a calendar with special quotes & bible verses about hope, faith and love.</p>	<p>ASSIGN A SPECIFIC TIME FOR DAILY PRAYER Whether you decide to wake up 15 minutes before your regular wake up time or assign some other time during the day to pray and reflect, try sticking to the time you've designated.</p>
<p>BE PRESENT Limit the time spent on your cell phone, social media and computer. Increase the time you spend with family and friends by doing things you enjoy together.</p>	<p>SET UP A SPACE FOR PRAYER You may include an Advent wreath and a Nativity set without baby Jesus in the manger.</p>	<p>DON'T FORGET THOSE IN NEED Consider how we could serve our brothers and sisters in need. Volunteer at a center, or make and send cards to those in hospitals and nursing homes.</p>

SOURCE: <https://catholic-link.org/guide-to-advent/>

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Registration is now closed for the 2025/2026 Sacramental Year!

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children on receiving their First Communion crosses last weekend. If your child was away for the November 22/23 Enrollment Masses, please see Mrs. Selda on December 7th after the 7pm Mass to receive your child's cross. This was also the first passport collection date.

All the passports were returned to our 6 Parish schools throughout the week. If your child did not submit their passport, please contact Mrs. Selda.

We look forward to seeing the children wearing their crosses as they prepare for their special First Communion Day.

God Bless, Dawn Selda

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the candidates on receiving your Confirmation cross this weekend. The Confirmation passports will be returned to our 6 Parish schools throughout the week. If your child attends public, private or other Catholic schools, the passports will be returned the following weekend after Mass at the passport stamping station.

As a gentle reminder, Father kindly 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 look forward to seeing all of our confirmandi wearing their Blessed Crosses proudly. The parish continues to keep all of you in their prayers.

God Bless, Noah Aquino



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6:40 PM THEATRE PRESENTATION

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