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MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
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 SATURDAY 9:00 am

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

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FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

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

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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, 6 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. WAIYNE & RAGAVI ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL

9:00 AM + JOHN & MARY FOX

WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL

**9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR MALCOLM GOMES
+ HUBERT & GLORIA MONTEIRO
+ ALL FRIENDS OF SALVADOR D'SOUZA
+ HERMANO AMARAL OLIVEIRA
+ CHANDRAMHAN DHARMARATNAM
+ NAPOLEON MENEZ SR.**

THURSDAY, 9 APRIL

9:00 AM + RAMON DOMINGUEZ

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL

**7:00 PM S.I. TINU & TEMI TALABI
+ CIRIACO GALAPIN
+ ISMAELITA CABAGNOT REMIGIO
+ MARIA KIM HOANG PHAN**

SATURDAY, 11 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JACOB RAGGIUNTI

**5:00 PM + SHARON QUINTAL
+ VICTOR DA SILVA**

SUNDAY, 12 APRIL

**8:30 AM + ROBERT HAWTHORN
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM + RALPH COLLINS
7:00 PM + SALEEM & ELVENA KHAN**



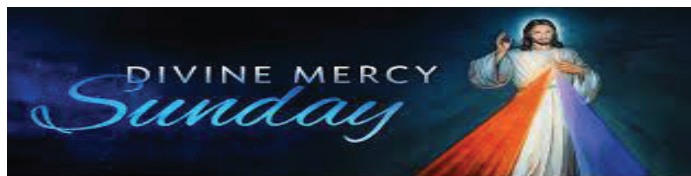
EASTER BLESSINGS

"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 12 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.divinemercury.org



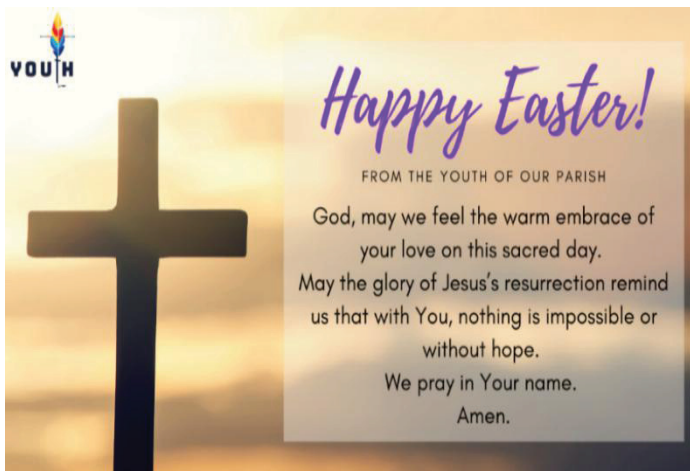
Following the conclusion of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, beginning on 10 January 2026 and concluding on 10 January 2027 to commemorate the 8th centenary of his birth into eternal life (dies natalis). We pray that this will be a time of abounding blessings in which "we are all called to become saints in the contemporary world, following the example of the Seraphic Patriarch." For more information on the Jubilee Year, please see the following: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/celebrating-the-special-jubilee-year-of-st-francis/>

Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisesales.archtoronto.org



Please note, the parish office will be closed on Monday 6 April due to the Easter Monday holiday. Have a Happy Easter!





Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday April 15**. 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. 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.



HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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	Tuesday, April 21 at 7pm	Monday, April 27 at 7pm
St. Jude	Monday, April 21 at 7pm	Monday, April 27 at 7pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Monday, April 22 at 7pm	Monday, April 28 at 7pm
Other Catholic	Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm
Public/Private	Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm
St. Patrick	Tuesday, April 25 at 7 pm	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm
St. Francis de Sales	Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm	Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm
St. André Bessette	Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm	Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm



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HAPPY EASTER

Wishing you a joyous and blessed Easter!
As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord,
we are reminded of God's incredible love for us.

As it says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life".

We extend a heartfelt congratulations to our RCIA candidates who have been newly baptized and received into the Church this Easter. Your commitment to faith and your journey toward the sacraments inspire us all. As you step forward into this new chapter of life, may you always feel the warmth of God's embrace and the support of your parish family.

As we celebrate this beautiful season with our loved ones, let us take a moment to appreciate the blessings that surround us. May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts and homes this Easter season. Let us carry this message of hope and love into our daily lives, sharing the light of Christ with everyone we encounter.

**Fr. Joe, Fr. Derek
& the Parish Staff.**



Archdiocese
of Toronto

Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party. We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons. It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

TAKE ACTION AT HelpNotHarmCanada.ca TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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