



# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God*      January 1st, 2026

**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.



*O Mother of God, you birthed the one who created all.  
How beautiful the mystery.  
How exalted your vocation that precedes and makes  
possible the Apostles' own vocations.  
At home you bounced on your knee the one who spins  
the world on His finger.  
Help us start this new year with wonder more than  
resolutions, with eternal gratitude  
more than mundane goals — Amen*

MY CATHOLIC LIFE

## 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, 29 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + EDITH COUTHINHO

TUESDAY, 30 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR MR & MRS  
GEORGE

5:00 PM + BENJAMIN STONE & MICHAEL STONE

THURSDAY, 1 JANUARY

10:00 AM + JOHN & JANET SOARES

11:30 AM + ALLY HOOSAIN

1:00 PM + SHEHLA FAROOQUI

FRIDAY, 2 JANUARY

7:00 PM + EDITH & EDWIN FERNANDES  
+ BERNARD & ANNA ROSARIO  
+ JOHN HENRY & MARIA BRITO D'SOUZA

SATURDAY, 3 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. THE UZOMA FAMILY  
5:00 PM + ROCCO CORRIERO & DOMINIC CARRIERO

SUNDAY, 4 JANUARY

8:30 AM S.I. JOHN BLACK  
10:15 AM + SHEHLA FAROOQUI  
12:00 PM + NELLIE JUINIO & JOSEPH MONTALBANO  
7:00 PM + THERESA D'SOUZA



## 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.

**Visit our website:**

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



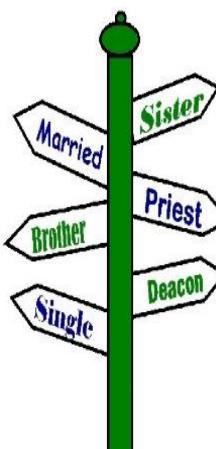
## A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. On behalf of Fr. Derek, Deacon Alban and the rest of our pastoral staff, I would like to thank you all for your gifts and prayers graciously given to us not only at this time of the year but from the past twelve months. May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always. God Bless, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

*Fr. Joseph Singh*

## 2026 SUNDAY MISSALS

We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home. May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



## VOCATIONS

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

**Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle Age is when you're forced to!**



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





## A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

God of all time,  
help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.

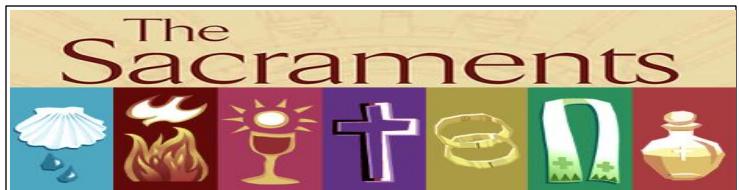
May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.  
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears  
have made.  
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now  
and, in the days, ahead  
Amen.

## 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 accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply especially



## FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

Happy New Year! It has been so nice to see all of the children preparing for their sacraments at Mass throughout the Christmas Season. The children will continue to prepare for their 2 very special sacraments in January. Please see below for the class start dates and please review the sacramental schedule on the back of your child's passport for their upcoming First Reconciliation date and 2nd passport review.

First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation classes at our 6 Parish schools:

These classes will begin the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children in our 6 Parish schools in class.

RCIC Classes at the Parish:

Classes will resume on Saturday January 31<sup>th</sup> at the Parish, for all of the children attending Public/Private/ Other Catholic Schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Selda

## CONFIRMATION

Happy New Year! We wish all the children, their families and our sacramental team a beautiful Christmas with hope, peace, joy and so much love! We pray for great health and safe journeys as you enjoy all the special moments of this special Season! **Confirmation classes will begin January 11/12.**

**A reminder, Father Joe 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