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Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SATURDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm *(or anytime by appointment)*

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 THURSDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 is Love without Measure"*
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St. Francis de Sales Parish



A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

<http://lordcalls.com/prayers-for-different-people/a-prayer-for-mothers>



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 11 MAY

+ THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
TERZIC FAMILY

TUESDAY, 12 MAY

+ THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
JOZELJIC FAMILY
+ Fr. MICHAEL JOHN HAWKINS

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY

+ ALFRED CHOW
+ FR. LARA LARISEY

THURSDAY, 14 MAY

+ VERONICA MACINTOSH
+ VIRGILIA TEOFILO

FRIDAY, 15 MAY

+ FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
KOSTELAC FAMILY

SATURDAY, 16 MAY

S.I. MANUEL & EVELYN UMALI
+ MANUEL & MARIA CHAVES

SUNDAY, 17 MAY

+ GIOVANNI CAPARUSSO

DAILY INTENTIONS

The Cardinal has granted dispensation to the lay faithful for missing Mass on Sunday. In lieu of receiving an Eucharistic Communion, the lay faithful can pray for a Spiritual Communion. Please note that each day, when a private Mass is offered by Fr. Joe and Fr. David, the above intentions are mentioned at the celebration of the Eucharist.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention please email the parish office at denise.ford@archtoronto.org. Please include the full name for the Mass intention, and include your name and phone number.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We continue to bring the Word of God to children through a live online liturgy every Sunday at 1pm (JK to Gr 2) and 3pm (Gr 3 & up). The virtual sessions follow the same practice as the children's liturgy at Church where kids pray and experience the Sunday readings at their own level. If you and your children would like to join, please contact Christine Santos at santoschristine@hotmail.com or (416) 877-5767 for more details. While the Church is closed, the children's weekly bulletin is online. Please go to the parish website at www.stfrancisdesales.ca, click on the bulletin tab, and then scroll down to open and download the weekly bulletin

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR APRIL 2020

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$10,000	\$12,869
MORTGAGE FUND	\$2,000	\$1,735
BUILDING FUND	\$1,000	\$339
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,504,724

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Our online registration system is available to enroll your child in Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, and can enroll at a Durham Catholic school across the region if:

- the child is baptized Catholic; or
- a parent/guardian is Catholic;

To enroll your child through our online registration process, visit dcdsb.ca/registration.

Once you have completed the online registration, a school staff member will be in contact with you regarding next steps. Due to current school closures, the mandatory documentation will be required when schools re-open and final admission will be confirmed at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (905) 576-6150 ext. 22211.

We look forward to starting this learning journey with you

Prayer in Times of Crisis

For our community
in this time of crisis:
Lord, sustain us with your strength
and guide us in the ways of wisdom.

Almighty God,
you are blessed throughout all ages
for your mercy and love.
Look upon us in our time of need
and give us the strength
to persevere in your love.
Protect your people from all harm
and guide us with the light of your face
until we overcome all dangers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*, CCCB Publications)

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REFLECTION

Exercising our Priestly Call

"Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that "In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship. To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that "part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible." Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Summary

The Catechism says that "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king." The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

Please be advised that on Tuesday, April 7, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services (CCFS) closed its gates until further notice for family visitation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CCFS is committed to serving our bereaved families and working to ensure their health and safety. We are equally committed to and focused on the health and safety of our employees. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, CCFS has been adjusting its operations and levels of public interaction in an effort to do our part to slow the transmission of this virus. Please direct any inquiries to our Central Business Office at: 416-733-8544.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,

I hope and pray that you are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually.

No doubt you are aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) – are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It will be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection.

Here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or drop off to the parish mailbox by the office door.
- Online donations can be made at www.archtoronto.org. Simply click on the donate now icon, select St. Francis de Sales parish from the drop down menu and the fund you wish to donate to. This can be done as a onetime donation or as an ongoing monthly donation. It will give you a place to choose that option.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish website. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to your parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

You can also contribute to the offertory via online banking. To do this, the archdiocese will need to send you a unique account number. Please send an e-mail to campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email, provide:

- Your name, address, parish name, and municipality

You will be emailed account information, which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory.

If you have any questions please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540 or development@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community. I miss seeing all of you at the Mass and I pray daily that we will be able to gather together again soon.

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