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 Sat 5:00 pm
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated twice a month. Parents are to be registered & participating in the Celebration of Eucharist with the community each Sunday. To register your child for Baptism, pick up a Baptism package after Mass.

First Communion and Confirmation

Children of First Communion & Confirmation age are to be participating in the Celebration of Eucharist every Sunday with their family, register through the parish (not the school), and participate in the Parish Preparation Program.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married are to be participating in the Celebration of Eucharist every Sunday and must contact the church at least one year in advance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick or Home Bound

Request for prayers, visitation, or Sacrament of the Sick, or weekend Eucharist on a short or long term basis to your home, please call 905-683-1403.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Service Ministries

Catholic Women's League
 St. Vincent de Paul
 Winbourne Park Visitation
 Men of St. Francis de Sales
 Social Committee

Elizabeth P. Joseph
 905-683-1403 ext. 107
 Vanessa DeNobrega
 Rick Pye
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 Debra Chung
 Sandra Strikwerda

St. Vincent's Kitchen

Catechetical Ministries

R.C.I.A.
 Baptism Preparation
 First Communion Co-ordinator
 Confirmation Co-ordinator
 Bible Study Co-ordinator

Mike Hyland, ext. 101
 Mary Hyland
 Linda Magalhaes
 TBA
 Herman Evertman

Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality
 Lectors
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Outreach Ministry
 Music 5:00 p.m.
 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.

Laura Perri
 Marie Tobin
 Colleen Flaherty
 Don Hathway
 Matthew/Mark/Kyla
 Irene Babin
 Joe Ozorio &
 Nadine Kotes
 Anne & Norbert Hanz

12:00 p.m.
 Liturgy of the Word with Children
 Altar Servers
 Ministry Formation

Ivan Magalhaes
 Deborah Simon &
 Anne McCool
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Youth Ministry

Welcome,
 New
 Parishioners



The St. Francis de Sales Parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Please visit the Parish Office and fill out a Welcome Card to register.

Parish Schools

Brother André
 905-619-8021
 St. Catherine of Siena
 905-427-6105
 St. Francis de Sales
 905-683-3320
 St. Jude
 905-428-9304
 St. Patrick
 905-427-2866
 St. Wilfrid
 905-427-6225
 Notre Dame High School
 905-686-4300

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 9.8-15
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22
Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:
Backson Chikoore+

Tuesday, February 28th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:
Vincent James Hughes+

Wednesday, February 29th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:
Drago Zibert+

Thursday, March 01st @ 9:00 am: Ferial:
Ron Ross+

Friday, March 02nd @ 7:30 pm: Ferial:
Linda Roach+
All Souls

Saturday, March 03rd @ 9:00 am: Ferial:
Joseph Sequeira+, Christaline & Simon Fernandes+
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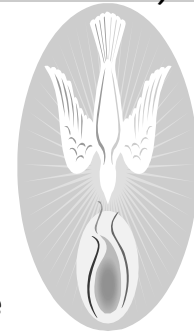
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Friday evenings during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Holy Hour and Mass at approx. 8:00 pm.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES (LETTER OF INTENT)

Your letter of intention to be confirmed will be received at all the Masses on the weekend of **March 24/25**. It should be no more than 1 page in length, and **not** sealed in an envelope. In your letter the following should be included;



- Why do you want to be confirmed?**
- Why do you feel you are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?**
- How you intend to utilize the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?**
- How do you intend to be involved in the life of the Church? (Any particular Ministry)**

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are major days for fasting in general for those who have reached the age 14 and are not yet 60 years. Lent and all Fridays throughout the year are penitential days throughout the entire Church. During the Lenten Season, Catholics between the age of 14 to 60 are bound by the Code of Canon Law to abstain from meat on Fridays. But if you happen to eat meat on Friday you have to substitute with an act of charity or a form of penance.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM

First Communion/Confirmation

Children in the Public School system who are receiving First Communion or Confirmation, please pick up your schedules from the Parish Office. For those children registered for First Communion or Confirmation in 2011-2012 and are in the Public School system, this program is mandatory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR R.C.I.A. INQUIRERS, CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND NEOPHYTES

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Helen O'Connor	Garry Sankar	Phyllis Crowley	Joe O'Neill	Al & June Williams	Nicky Passaro
Willy Hupkens	Lourdes Tabinga	Alfredina Codanedo	Thelma Lew-a-King	Maria Melilli	Victor Marinos
Fredrick Daranjo	Doug Daly	Ava Calandra	Jennifer Lacuata	Joseph Balant	Dominic Amorini
Justin Cassell	Seanne Van Sluytman	Catherine Sinka	Bernadette Assam	Christopher Ramgadoo	Vira Da Ré
Dianne Sonogo	Ferdinand Manelo	Margaret Santos	Santina Taccone	David Duarte	Jomar Magtoto
Bernard Faria	Krishna Ramlochah	Helen Nolan	Juanita Hutchings	Roger Hill	Jake McCarthy
Francis Vieira	Jose Momtiel	Douglas Pike	Hilcias Martinez	Claudia Pereira	Matthew Lee Wuk Len
Patricia Vanier	Nora Wright	Amanda Jeffs-Ryland	Everett Fletcher-Riley	Eileen Dasilva	Lee-Len
Michael MacDonald	Deborah Brent	Gina Forgione	Sayed Yusuf	Giovanni Caporusso	Lena Hyland
Terry O'Sullivan	Sheri Choi	Marie Amyot	Ranan DeSilva	John Bennett	Jocelyn Santos Ramirez
Mark Bramley	Joan Leung	Carl Nelson	Rita Ciani	Anthony Grasso	Kathleen Bourne
Vern Mathison	Leanne Lewis	Veronica Tammara	George Tollar	Sheila Vieira	Mariana Monzon
Lenora Gardner					

Please pray for our friends at Winbourne Park.
✠ Please pray for the Deceased:

- Josephine Rossi
- Maria Teresa Cavaiola



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stations of the Cross: In November last year, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins (who was then Archbishop), made his first-ever visit to our parish during the Second Week of Advent. You may recall that the visit coincided with the implementation of the New Roman Missal as part of church services across Canada.

Cardinal Collins noted his great delight with our parish and our strong and growing faith. Cardinal Collins also made some observations about our church. One such observation related to the Stations of the Cross - that while there were inscriptions of the Roman Numerals on the Floor, we didn't have the actual Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross originated in the early medieval period when the Muslims took over the Holy Land and prevented Christians from making the pilgrimage to the Holy Sites.

As a result, the Franciscans created the Stations of the Cross, which are "Artistic Depictions of Our Lord's Passion," and include a Cross and the Roman Numeral. Hence the name, 'the Stations of the Cross'.

What we have in our Church today are the Roman Numerals, but no artistic depiction of our Lord's Passion or the Cross. Cardinal Collins instructed me to place the Stations of the Cross in the Church, as is the custom and the tradition in the Catholic Church. Tasked with this mission, I did some research and found that the original Stations of the Cross from the Old St. Francis de Sales Church are in Notre Dame High School. I also discovered that the old Stations of the Cross were installed by the 15th pastor, Fr. Bernard Kyte, in 1942. This year marks the 70th anniversary of those Stations of the Cross. I am sure many of you vividly remember the old Stations of the Cross, which was blessed and displayed in the old Church. It had been part of a decades-old tradition which has enriched and nourished this faith-filled Community. Some of you may have even had a particular attachment to the old Stations of the Cross as members of your family may have contributed towards the cost and installation of the Stations of the Cross.

Rather than purchase new Stations of the Cross for our parish, I have commissioned an accomplished artist, Carlos Nunez, who has done many major renovations in the diocese including those at St. Paul's Basilica, St. Augustine's Seminary and St. Michael's Cathedral, to work on our old Stations of the Cross. I am happy to inform you that the fully restored Stations of the Cross will once again adorn our Church at the beginning of the Lenten Season, re-establishing the rich and enduring tradition of the Catholic Church.

I pray that the restored Stations of the Cross remind us of our Lord's Passion and lead us to experience God's infinite love for us.

TAX RECEIPTS

2011 Tax receipts for **Sunday Offering** and **Mortgage Campaign Fund** are now available for pickup in the foyer. Thank you for your generous support to the parish.

SACRAMENTS—Schedule

First Confession

Children who are registered for First Holy Communion receive their First Confession as follows:

Saturday, March 24th—St. Patrick & St. Wilfrid @ 10 am

Saturday, March 24th—St. Catherine & St. Jude @ 1 pm

Saturday, March 31st—Br. Andre & St. Francis @ 10 am

All other Catholic & Public Schools can join in any of the times listed.

First Communion Celebration

Sunday, April 22nd—St. Catherine & St. Jude @ 2 pm

Sunday, April 29th—Br. Andre & St. Francis @ 2 pm

Sunday, May 06th—St. Patrick @ 2 pm

All other Catholic & Public schools will celebrate at the regular weekend Mass, the weekend of April 21st & 22nd and April 28th & 29th. Please sign up with Linda at the Parish Office during the week. Space is limited, 12 per Mass.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Nguyen for those registered as follows:

Sat. May 19th—Br. Andre & St. Catherine @ 10 am

Sat. May 19th—St. Francis, St. Wilfrid & Other Schools @ 2 pm

Sun. May 20th—St. Patrick & St. Jude @ 2 pm

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU



Many thanks to the parishioners for helping the CWL make Pancake Sunday a rousing success. To the youth group volunteers, thank you for your support.

A special thanks to our chef's Brian & Daniel.

Also thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Baby Shower; the items are greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting: March 20th at 7:00 pm with Mass.

The CWL is open to all ladies of the parish. If interested in Joining, please visit us at the kiosk after Mass.

ANNUAL MANRESA WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN

Location: Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering

(at the top of Liverpool Road, North of Finch)

March 16—18, 2012

Times: Friday 7:00 pm (registration) to Sunday 12:30 pm

Theme: Going Places with the Lady Upstairs

Speaker: Fr. Bert Foliot, S.J.

We invite you to come away to Manresa to experience silence & restfulness, to renew your spirit & to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Please contact: Mike Hyland (905) 686-7106 or email:

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FIRST COMMUNION LAMBS (Letter of Intent)

A reminder to all First Communion Candidates, the Letter of Intent (Lamb) is to be presented at any Mass this weekend of **Feb. 25 & 26.**



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