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MASS TIMES

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Mon to Thu 9:00 am
Fri 7:30 pm | Sat 9:00 am

Sunday Celebration

Sat 5:00 pm
Sun 8:30am | 10:00am | 12:00n

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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

Mary Ellen Stinson
905-683-1403 ext. 107
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Catechetical Ministries

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

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Linda Magalhaes
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Liturgical Ministries

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

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

Youth Ministry

Welcome,
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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.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 28th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:

Billy Meguire+

Tuesday, November 29th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:

The Dunn Family

Wednesday, November 30th @ 9:00 am: Feast:

St. Andrew, Apostle

Shirley Farooqui

Thursday, December 01st @ 9:00 am: Ferial:

Dora & Earl Harper+

Friday, December 02nd @ 7:30 pm: Ferial:

Jaanita Cueto

Deceased Freitas Family+

Saturday, December 03rd @ 9:00 am: Memorial:

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Mary Sebastianpillai+, Morris Ferguson+,

Mrs. May+, Delphine Santerre+,

Hiran Wijesinghe+

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

November 19 & 20, 2011—\$7,874.57

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Francis de Sales is pleased to announce **A Christmas Concert** on Friday, December 16th, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

It will be an evening of song and celebration, with enchanting performances of Christmas music from our local schools and church choirs as well as invited artists. Fr. Peter will also be performing a few guitar solos!

Tickets will be available at the Parish Office as well as after each Mass on the weekend beginning Saturday, November 26th. The cost for the evening is \$5.00 per person which includes snacks at intermission.

Feel the Christmas spirit through the power of music and come out and join us in this joyful celebration!



ANGEL TREE—SVDP

Once again this year the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be putting up their Angel Tree. Gift tags shaped like a tree are pinned to the bulletin board in the foyer. If you would like to take a tag from the tree, please buy a gift for the age specified on the tag, bring the gift with the tag taped to it and put it in our boxes in the foyer on or before December 11. Thank you for your continued support.

A WEEKEND WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

His grace Archbishop Thomas Collins will be visiting our parish next weekend, December 03 & 04. He will be leading us into the spirit of Advent with an afternoon of recollection as well as celebrating our weekend Masses. Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 03 at 1:30 pm for a retreat/Q&A with the Archbishop. (Refreshments to follow)

✠ 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	M. A. Joseph	Al & June Williams	Nicky Passaro
Kayden De Silva	Lourdes Tabinga	Alfredina Codanedo	Thelma Lew-a-King	Maria Melilli	Victor Marinon
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Justin Cassell	Carlyn Figueiredo	Catherine Sinka	Bernadette Assam	Seanne Van Sluytman	Vira Da Ré
Dianne Sonogo	Ferdinand Manelo	Margaret Santos	Santina Taccone	David Duarte	Jomar Magtoto
Bernard Faria	Krishna Ramlochah	Helen Nolan	Drago Zibert	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
Sheri Choi	Christopher Ramgadood	Terry O'Sullivan	Ranan DeSilva	John Bennett	Marie Amyot
Sharon Clarke	Joan Leung	Carl Nelson	Rita Ciani	Anthony Grasso	Kathleen Bourne
Vern Mathison	Leanne Lewis	Veronica Tammaro	George Tollar	Sheila Vieira	Joe O'Neill

Please pray for our friends at Winbourne Park.

✠ **Please pray for the Deceased:**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Crucifix At The Centre of The Altar

The centrality of the Crucifix in the celebration of Mass was more evident, and firmly observed in the past. That was a time when the priests and the faithful faced the Crucifix, which was placed in the centre above the altar. In the present custom of celebrating the Eucharist with the priest "facing the people", often the crucifix is located to the side of the altar, thus losing its central position.

In his book, *Spirit of the Liturgy*, Pope Benedict XVI stresses the importance of placing the altar Crucifix in the centre of the altar. He proposes that "Where a direct common turning toward the east is not possible, the cross can serve as the interior 'east'. The significance of 'facing the east' is drawn from the fact that the east is the direction of sunrise, and is the symbol of light dispelling darkness and evil, and is the liturgical symbolism of the Lord's resurrection. Pope Benedict says that even during the celebration with the priest "facing the people," the crucifix should maintain its central position, and that it would be impossible to think that the depiction of the Crucified Lord could in any way be a source of disturbance (this is with reference to complaints by some people directly to the Pope that because of the positioning of the altar Crucifix people could no longer clearly see his face when celebrating the Mass. The Pope's response was: "Could Christ ever get in the way? Since when do we stare at each other's eyes when we pray? Don't we look to God?").

CALLING ALL BAKERS—CWL

While cooking your Christmas treats please keep in mind the CWL Bazaar.

The CWL is looking for goodies for the Bake Table at their Annual Christmas Bazaar the weekend of December 03rd & 04th.



BUNDLE SUNDAY- St. Vincent de Paul

A big thank you to all our parishioners for your support and generosity on Bundle Sunday Weekend.

One Bread, One Body Celebration

Our Annual One Bread, One Body celebration is on the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. This is a means of creating a parish dinner in our own homes. As each family is given a loaf of delicious freshly baked bread, it is our hope that a special prayer for the parish is said at the meal where the bread is consumed. In this way, we are made one parish by a sharing in the one bread, just as the Eucharist makes us one Church through the one bread and one cup.



Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

The Seniors' Christmas Mass & Luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 07th @ 11:30 am. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$13.00 per person. For details, please call Corrie at 905-683-4874



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE— 2011/12

Penitential Service—Confessions

Monday—Dec. 19 @ 7:00 pm
 Tuesday—Dec. 20 @ 7:00 pm
 Wednesday—Dec. 21 @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 24th, 2011

4:00 pm
 6:30 pm
 9:00 pm
 12:00 midnight
(No morning Mass)

Sunday, December 25th, 2011

10:00 am
 12:00 noon

Monday, Dec. 26th—Friday, Dec. 30th

10:00 am
(No Friday evening Mass)

Saturday, December 31st, 2011

5:00 pm
(No morning Mass)

Sunday, January 01st, 2012

8:30 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 noon

Will resume regular schedule Jan. 02nd



Children's Christmas Pageant

Each year we begin our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve celebration with a Children's Pageant. We are looking for volunteers to organize this event. Please call the parish office if you are interested in volunteering to help out with this wonderful celebration.



LETTER OF INTENT—November 26 & 27

Those children already registered in the First Communion Program and have attended the Reconciliation Retreat, your Letter of Intent is to be presented at any Mass this weekend.



The St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Envelope is attached to this bulletin. We thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

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