



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH ~ TORONTO

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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday/lunedì – venerdì 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Sunday Mass/Messe Domenicali:

Saturday/sabato 5:00 pm – English
Sunday/domenica 9:00 am – Italiano
11:30 am – English

Weekday Mass/Messe Feriali:

Monday – Tuesday/lunedì – martedì 8:00 am – Italiano
Wednesday/mercoledì 8:00 am – English
Thursday – Friday/giovedì – venerdì 8:00 am – Italiano

Memorial Mass/Messe Commemorative:

Are scheduled on a Wednesday at 7:00 pm about a month after funerals that have been celebrated at our parish.

Va celebrare il mercoledì alle 7:00 pm un mese dopo un funerale celebrato nella nostra parrocchia.

Confessions/Confessioni:

Friday/venerdì 8:30 am – 9:00 am
Saturday/sabato 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm
or by appointment/o per appuntamento

Adoration/Adorazione Eucaristica:

First Friday/Primo venerdì 8:30 am – 9:15 am

Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals:

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings must be booked a minimum of one year in advance.



St. Vincent de Paul: 416-536-8195 ext. 6

Parish Schools:

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary
80 Clinton Street, Toronto, ON
416-393-5206

Pope Francis Elementary
319 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, ON
416-393-5347

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face

of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

The Risen Lord is with us always to the end of time. Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the river Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work. Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us, and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit, and he strengthens us in faith, hope, and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth.

SHARELIFE

ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and change many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far we have raised \$5775.50 toward our goal of \$10,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE NOSTRA SIGNORA DEL CAPO



On Friday June 2nd, the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape venerated in Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Trois-Rivières, Québec will be visiting our Parish.

Venerdì 2 giugno, la statua pellegrina di Nostra Signora del Capo, venerata a Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Trois-Rivières, Québec, visiterà la nostra Parrocchia.

6:30 pm Rosary/Rosario
7:00 pm Mass/Messa
7:45 pm Candlelight Procession/Processione
8:15 pm Veneration/Venerazione

The Church will be open all day for private prayer.
La Chiesa sarà aperta tutto il giorno per la preghiera privata.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 50/50 RAFFLE DRAW



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at our Parish will be holding a 50/50 Raffle Draw on Sunday June 11th, 2023. For more information or to obtain tickets please contact Tina @ 416-452-8078.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in July 2023 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications @ 905-624-4422.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory (May 13/14) \$ 2316.20
Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 420.05

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ShareLife – June 4, 2023
Marygrove Camp – June 11, 2023

Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – CLASS #9

The ninth class for First Holy Communion will be held on **Sunday May 21 at 10:00 a.m. OR Saturday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m.**

Classes will take place in the Parish Hall which may be accessed by taking the staircase at the back of the church down to the lower level.

Reminder, the classes are mandatory, and a parent must participate with their child.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION



On Friday, May 26th at 7:00 pm, 32 students from our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As they prepare to receive this Sacrament, as a Parish community, let us accompany them with our prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION



On Sunday, June 11th at 11:30 am, 32 children from our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion. As they prepare to receive this Sacrament, as a Parish community, let us accompany them with our prayers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON VICTORIA DAY



The Parish Office will be closed on Victoria Day, Monday May 22nd and reopen on Tuesday May 23rd at 9:30am. Should you require assistance please leave a message @ 416-536-8195 and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 20

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, MAY 21 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

11:30 am For the People of Our Parish

MONDAY, MAY 22 – SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

8:00 am In ringraziamento per le benedizioni ricevute per l'intercessione di Santa Rita

TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am Rocco e Maria Farella

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

8:00 am Giuseppe Figliano

7:00 pm Sabrina Ferraro

THURSDAY, MAY 25

8:00 am Carmelo Ionadi

FRIDAY, MAY 26 – SAINT PHILIP NERI

8:00 am Gayle Maidly

7:00 pm Confirmation Celebration

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick, especially:

Samuel Alvarez	Vincenzo Anania
Christine Antunes	Coralia Antunes
Theresa Bertagnolli	Decio Cozzi
Maria Da Ponte	Mike Fazzari
Mario Forgione	Anna Lo Faso
Sanjay Malhotra	Dimas Medeiros
Ottorino Palermo	Iolanda Panucci
Rita Pizzimenti	Jessica Scala
Paulo Vieira	

If you would like to add someone's name to the Prayers for the Sick list, please contact the Parish office.

