



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus was a busy person. Crowds thronged around him, and people constantly demanded his attention. And yet standing in the midst of a big crowd around the Pool of Siloam, Jesus

gave his undivided attention to one blind man. This man was important enough for Jesus to give his time and complete attention to helping him. Jesus not only cured him but also gave him new hope and a new purpose in life. Jesus teaches us that each person has dignity and must be respected no matter what his or her condition. Measuring or judging others by achievements, good looks, success stories, wealth, talents—whatever—is not fitting for children of God. In doing that, we too are blind, without real sight. We need insight to see the worth and dignity of every human being. Without insight, we stay enclosed in our comfort zones with those whose presence puts us at ease. Jesus challenges us to move out of our safe harbor, to be “uncomfortable,” and include the excluded.

The blind man in the story went through a process to come to an understanding of who Jesus was. First, he saw Jesus as a man who did something wonderful for him. Then, he called Jesus a “prophet”—someone called by God to carry a divine message and who works for God’s vision on earth. Finally, the man came to confess that Jesus was the Son of God. He realized that Jesus was not someone who could be explained in human terms. In his closeness to God, his unfaltering love and care for others, Jesus lived more faithfully our human nature than any other human being ever has. He remains not only our greatest model but our greatest support as we strive to live as “more than human.”

How can I overcome my own “blindness” to see the worth of others?

SHARELIFE

Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife



Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph’s example and share our blessings with the least

of our brothers and sisters.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION ASSOCIATION & CHARACTER REGISTRATION

On Friday April 7th, 2023, we will be holding our **Annual Good Friday Procession**. For all parishioners and newcomers that are interested in re-enacting a character of the Good Friday Passion, we ask that you **register online at stfrancis.ca**. We will do our



best to assign you with the character you request, however, we ask that you are open and consider making yourself available to whichever persona is needed.

If you are part of an Association that participates in the procession, you may also register online at stfrancis.ca.

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.



Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

VOCATIONS



“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person?

If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA – ANNO A – 19 MARZO 2023

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory (March 11/12) \$1930
Flowers for Holy Week \$ 785

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Share Life – March 26, 2023
Church Restoration Fund – April 2, 2023

Thank you for your generosity!

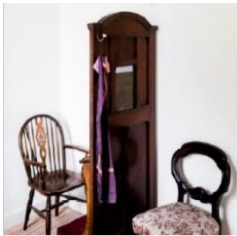
CONFIRMATION – CLASS #7

The seventh class for Confirmation will be held on **Sunday Mar. 19 at 10:00 a.m. OR Saturday, Mar. 25 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.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Friday March 31st, 2023
8:30 am – 10:30 am
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick, especially:

Samuel Alvarez	Macolata Pizzano
Vincenzo Anania	Paulo Vieira
Christine Antunes	Coralia Antunes
Anna Lo Faso	Ottorino Palermo
Rita Pizzimenti	Mitchell St. Jean-Lippmann

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 pm Giuseppe Azzoli

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 am Caterina e Giuseppe Galle
Giovanni e Filomena Villiani
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi
Giovanni e Carlo Barbati e fam.
Famiglie Carnovale e Simonetta
Vincenzo e Elizabetta Gullone
Carmela e Giuseppe Nasso
Chiara e Giuseppe Rauti
Carmelo Ionadi

11:30 am For the People of Our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 20 – ST JOSEPH

8:00 am _____

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 am Vincenzo Lucca

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 am Jose Lourenco

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 am _____

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 am _____

7:00pm _____

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

During Lent, as we are called to intensify our time for prayer and our relationship with the Lord, in our Parish we will have this schedule for the Fridays:

8:00 am	Italian Mass
8:30 – 9:00 am	Confessions
3:00 – 7:00 pm	Adoration
6:00 – 6:45 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Bilingual Mass
7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

