



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

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319 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, ON
416-393-5347

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Lazarus first fell ill, Mary and Martha probably became worried. Then again, they were good friends of Jesus of Nazareth, the one sent by God, who had cured so many people. They believed that all they had to do was let Jesus know and he would come heal their brother. Imagine their disappointment, their feelings of betrayal, when Jesus did not come soon enough, and Lazarus died.

When Jesus finally arrived, Martha and Mary each greeted him with the same accusation, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Jesus accompanied both sisters in their own experience of grief, confirming the faith that Martha spoke aloud and joining in Mary’s tears. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus encounters people in dark moments and invites them into a new fullness of life through physical and spiritual healing. His journey through death to resurrection offers us hope in new life no matter what darkness may come. “I am the resurrection and the life,” Jesus said.

“Lazarus, come out! ... Untie him and let him go.” These words carry meaning for us, too. We may be living in the dark, dank, dreary tombs of our bad habits and wrong choices, bound by prejudices, desires, attachments, and addictions. Even when we become dead to the fullness of life or to the needs and feelings of others, Jesus can resurrect us. The witness of history is that he has resurrected millions from sin, from inertia, from insensitivity, from selfishness, and his touch has not lost its ancient power.

When have you experienced resurrection, or new life, coming from an experience of death or darkness?

SHARELIFE

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday



ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: “Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it’s crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.”

Our parish goal this year is \$10,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at sharelife.org/donate.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE SETTIMANA SANTA

Palm Sunday / Domenica delle Palme

Blessing of Palms and Mass

April 1st 5:00 pm – English

April 2nd 9:00 am – Italiano
11:30 am – English

Holy Thursday / Giovedì Santo

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

April 6th 7:00 pm – English & Italiano

The Altar of Repose will remain open until midnight for adoration / L’Altare del Riposo rimarrà aperto fino a mezzanotte per l’adorazione.

Good Friday / Venerdì Santo

Veneration of the Cross

April 7th 11:00 am – English

1:30 pm – English & Italiano

3:00 pm – Procession / Processione

Holy Saturday / Sabato Santo

Easter Vigil

April 8th 8:00 pm – English & Italiano

Easter Sunday / Domenica della Pasqua

April 9th 9:00 am – Italiano

11:30 am – English

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

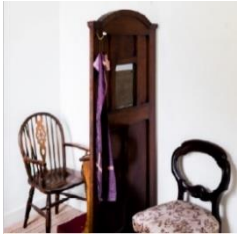
Offertory (March 18/19) \$ 2,321.35

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS



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

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

THANK YOU!!

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul thanks everyone for your support at our Bundle Up Weekend on March 18 and 19th. All the items collected will help those in need tremendously. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca

MASS OF WELCOME FOR ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

5:00 pm For the People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 am Suor Carmelina
Pasquale Gallippi
Frank e Maria Rosina Colantonio
Onofrio Frascá
Chiarina Rauti
Maria Veronica Tucci

11:30 am Maria Plati

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 am _____

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 am _____

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 am Jose Lourenco

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 am Elisabetta e Giovanni Artusa

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 am Mario D'Ambrosio e Lina Doimo

7:00pm _____

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick, especially:

Samuel Alvarez	Vincenzo Anania
Christine Antunes	Coralia Antunes
Anna Lo Faso	Ottorino Palermo
Macolata Pizzano	Rita Pizzimenti
Paulo Vieira	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.

