



# 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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## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It was common in the time of Jesus for a master to leave some servants in charge of his affairs when he went on a journey. This master knew his servants well. He entrusted the savvier ones with greater responsibility. But even a less qualified servant might be left with some responsibility – as in the case Jesus describes in the parable we hear in this Sunday’s Liturgy.

The master in the parable was a risk taker. He didn’t just allow things to happen; he made them happen. Keeping his talent safe wasn’t good enough. Growth was the only option.

In their master’s absence, the successful servants acted just as the master would. For their accomplishments, the master rewarded them with more responsibility. The “wicked” servant did not follow his master’s example. He was punished by having his one talent taken away and then being thrown into the darkness outside.

Once we discover the talents we have been entrusted with, we must show gratitude to God for these gifts by nurturing them and putting them to good use. As members of the Body of Christ, we must use our talents to promote the values of God. When we do, we find our greatest success.

In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus tells this parable amid other stories about the end times. As we wait for the second coming of the Son of Man, we must act as Jesus did. If we do so, we can be proud to present these accomplishments to God when we meet him face to face.

What gifts and talents have you discovered in yourself? How might you use them in ways that will build up the Body of Christ?

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## SHARELIFE

### ShareLife: Your love puts food on the table

*NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.*

Through your unwavering support for ShareLife and its Food Security Grants, you ensure families can access meal programs and food banks throughout our archdiocese.

“We are so grateful ShareLife supporters are providing emergency funds to relieve the immediate challenges of families and individuals experiencing hunger,” says Louise Coutu, Executive Director of the SSVF Greater Toronto Central Council.

Our parish has currently raised \$9160 toward our goal of \$10,700. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION

### Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation). Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

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## SHEPHERDS’ TRUST

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds’ Trust. The mission of The Shepherds’ Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

Thank you for your support.

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## HELPING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY

### Donate online

Access the parish website [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca) and choose the “Donate” link at the top right corner to give a one-time donation or a monthly donation to the Parish.

### Securities as a Charitable Gift

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Parish is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds, and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish. For further information, contact the Archdiocese Development Office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 519 or email [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

### When preparing your Will

A bequest in your Will to the Parish is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favorable impact on your overall estate plan and positively affect gifts you make to your loved ones. Bequests are not just for the “wealthy”. Consider including your parish in your Will.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Offertory (Nov. 11/Nov. 12) \$ 2154.35

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Shepherds' Trust – TODAY  
Church Restoration Fund – December 3, 2023

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**ALL SOULS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

During the month of November, we will be celebrating 30 Masses for the Holy Souls. You can list the names of your relatives/friends on the envelope you find in the collection envelopes pack or get an envelope at the entrance of the Church. You can leave the envelope in the donation box



which will be placed in front of the statue of Our Lady of All Souls.

Durante il mese di novembre celebreremo 30 Messe per le Anime Sante. Puoi elencare i nomi dei tuoi parenti/amici sulla busta che trovi nel pacco delle buste per le donazioni o ritirare una busta all'ingresso della Chiesa. Puoi lasciare la busta nella scatola delle donazioni che verrà posizionata davanti alla statua della Madonna di Tutti i defunti.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – CLASS #1**



The first class for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held on **Tuesday Dec. 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

Classes will take place in the Parish Hall, which can be accessed via Mansfield Ave. Enter the wooden doors to the left of the Madonna statue and take the staircase down to the lower level.

Reminder, the classes are mandatory, and a parent is encouraged to participate with their child.

**PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Please pray for the soul of:  
**Letizia Ervi**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

5:00 pm All Souls  
Antonio and Monika D'Ambrosio

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

9:00 am All Souls  
Salvatore Amato e Famiglia Greco  
Bruno Cortese e Famiglia  
Daniele Giovanni Veleo  
Ralph Mammarella  
Carmelo Ionadi  
Celeste Adelendina Dias  
Dino Porto  
S.I. Eva Regina Mitelova in thanksgiving for blessings and protection  
Ad Mentem

11:30 am For the People of Our Parish

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:00 am All Souls

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 am All Souls

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – SAINT CECILIA**

8:00 am All Souls

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

8:00 am All Souls

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS**

8:00 am All Souls

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember to pray for the sick, especially:

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| <b>Vincenzo Anania</b> | <b>Peter Benvenuti</b>     |
| <b>Susan Benvenuti</b> | <b>Theresa Bertagnolli</b> |
| <b>Mike Fazzari</b>    | <b>Mario Forgione</b>      |
| <b>Anna Lo Faso</b>    | <b>Paulina L.</b>          |
| <b>Sanjay Malhotra</b> | <b>Dimas Medeiros</b>      |
| <b>Margaret Morra</b>  | <b>Rocco Morra</b>         |
| <b>Rita Pizzimenti</b> | <b>Paulo Vieira</b>        |

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