

# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ————— 5:00 pm  
Sunday ————— 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**HOLY DAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Since times may vary, please check the weekly Mass schedule inside the bulletin.

**SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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## THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

*Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.*

**BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

**CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST:** Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

**MARRIAGE:** In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

**WILLS AND DONATIONS:** Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.



## September 6, 2020 ✕ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, September 5, 2020 ~ FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 AM

5:00 PM John Milia

#### Sunday, September 6, 2020

8:00 AM Harold Anderson

10:30 AM William Callahan

#### Monday, September 7, 2020

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### Tuesday, September 8, 2020 {The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary}

9:00 AM Special Intention: Mary Ann

#### Wednesday, September 9, 2020 {St. Peter Claver}

9:00 AM Jacqueline Lawhead

#### Thursday, September 10, 2020

12:00 PM Melody Dynes

#### Friday, September 11, 2020

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

#### Saturday, September 12, 2020

5:00 PM John Hoffa

#### Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:00 AM Antony Lascoskie

10:30 AM Healing for Child Victims

### Lector Schedule

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00 PM: Echeverri**

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 AM: Batchelder**

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 AM: Areiza**

### Parish Schedule

**Monday, September 7 {Labor Day} ~ Office CLOSED**

**Tuesday, September 8 @ 7:00 PM ~ Holy Hour**



### ~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of September 6, 2020

*For A Special Intention*

### Pray For Our Sick

Lucille Anderson, Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Stephen Horst, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Edwin Zeltzer



### Let us pray for our priests:

September 6 Rev. Jerome Tauber, M.Div.

September 7 Rev. James Thomas, M.Div.

September 8 Rev. Frank Timar, MSC

September 9 Rev. Joseph Tobias, MSC

September 10 Rev. Eric Tolentino, M.Div.

September 11 Rev. Andrew Torma, MSC

September 12 Rev. James Torpey, M.Div.



### Spiritual Thought:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Lk. 10:27)

Those who are wholly devoted to God know that they really love the Heavenly Father only when they serve Him in their brothers and sisters here on Earth. Therefore, they will not only try to avoid anything that may wound charity. They will also seek and make opportunities to show their love to others.

O eternal Love, make me love You in all creatures as You wish and deserve.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

#### Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

#### Tuesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49



## Our Return to the Lord

Week of August 30, 2020  
Offertory ~ \$4,127.00



### Relief Collection for the Victims of the Beirut Explosion

Today we are collecting for the thousands of victims of the recent explosion that destroyed and damaged large parts of Beirut, Lebanon. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a collection to be taken up throughout the United States to assist the victims of this tragic event. The funds collected will be administered through Catholic Relief Services. Please indicate your free will offerings (in a plain white envelope marked 'Beirut') in the baskets at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. This year, since measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus prohibited gatherings in our churches, the traditional Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land has been postponed to next weekend, **September 13, 2020**. Please indicate your free will offerings (in an envelope marked 'Good Friday/Holy Land') in the baskets at the entrance of the church. As always, thank you for your generosity!



Football Frenzy is a ticket selling fundraiser hosted by our K of C. Tickets are printed with 4 NFL football teams for each week for the last 10 weeks of the NFL football season (11/1/2020 – 1/3/2021). The 4 teams change every week on your tickets and no two tickets have the same 4 teams on any given week. Tickets are \$10 each and cash prizes from \$10 – \$400 are awarded to the ticket holders who have the Highest and Lowest 4 team combination scores each week. Proceeds go towards Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now thru **10/4/2020!!**



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*"Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another."*

The *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* defines debt as "something owed, such as money, goods or services; an obligation or liability to pay or render something to someone else." The reader is then encouraged to see *ghabh* in the index of *Indo-European Roots*: "Important derivatives include give, forgive, gift, able...duty and endeavor."

Life is full of debt, obligations and things that we owe to others in a spirit of duty. Some of the things that we owe to others include tuition, taxes, credit card debt, utility bills, work for our wages, insurance, health care costs...and the list goes on and on.

On another level, although less obvious, there is a whole host of other things that are even more important that we must render to others in a spirit of generosity: time, talent, respect, reverence, fidelity, honesty, care, concern, consideration, kindness, patience, justice, peace, reconciliation...and this list, too, goes on and on.

I suppose that if one stops to collectively consider all the things that he or she owes to others, it can be more than a little overwhelming. Perhaps best to boil it all down as does St. Paul when he advises us to "owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another." The debt of love – the bond of love – is not only the most important obligation that we owe to one another: it also includes all the other things, virtues and actions that we owe to others...that we must render to others.

In a letter to St. Jane de Chantal, St. Francis de Sales wrote: "I must tell you that I have never understood that there was any bond between us carrying with it any obligation but that of divine love and true Christian friendship, what St. Paul calls the 'bond of perfection,' and truly that is what it truly is, for it is indissoluble and never weakens. All other bonds are temporal...but the bond of love grows and gets stronger every time. It cannot be cut down by death, which, like a scythe, mows down everything but charity...So this is our bond, these our own chains which, the more they are tightened and press against us, the more they bring us joy and freedom...nothing is more pliable than that; nothing, stronger." (*Letters of Spiritual Direction*, page 127)

Our lives are filled with debts and obligations that we owe to one another. In the midst of our daily attempts to meet these obligations, may God give us the grace to remember and pursue the debt that really matters.

The bond of love...and the obligations – and opportunities – that come with it.

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