

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

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



January 22, 2023 ✦ *The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Sat., January 21, 2023~ The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Richard J. Danelotti

Sunday, January 22, 2023 ~ The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Hattie Peiffer

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 ~ The Feast of St. Francis de Sales

7:00 PM John Milia

Sat., January 28, 2023~ The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Helen Boulanger

Sunday, January 29, 2023 ~ The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lori Bennett

10:30 AM John F. DeScalfani

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Raymond Kasprouciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 28th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, January 29th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Broskey

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Fuir

Parish Schedule

Sunday, Jan 22 @ 9 am ~ PREP

Thursday, Jan. 26 @ 11 am~ Adoration

11:00am - Exposition

11:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

Do everything calmly and peacefully. Do as much as you can as well as you can. Strive to see God in all things without exception, and consent to His will joyously. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to him in word and deed. Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord and be at peace with yourself.

St. Francis de Sales

St. Ignatius Advent Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

First Friday 7:00 PM

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM;
12 Noon; 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Prayer/Adoration (Chapel)

Tuesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

AND

Wednesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 6 AM until 7 PM
Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 – 4:00 PM;



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

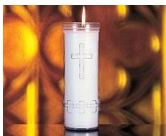
Sunday

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Our Return to the Lord

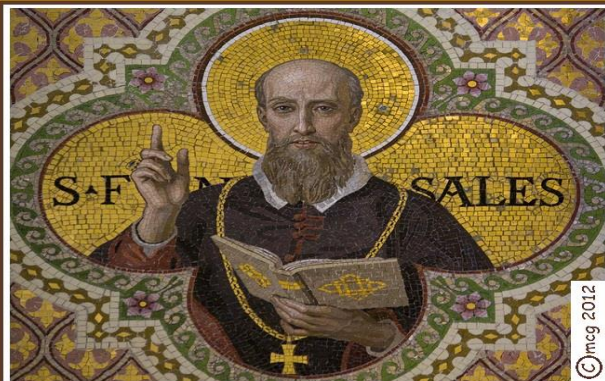
Week of January 15, 2023 ~ \$ 4,758.00

Next week, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of January 22, 2023
In Honor of Special Intentions



St. Francis de Sales -- Bishop, Doctor of the Church
(1567-1622)

All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be.

Join us for Mass to celebrate
our Parish Patron's Feast Day~
Tuesday, January 24 @ 7:00 PM

"Let us pray that we will grow in the spirit
of St. Francis de Sales, and keep alive the
presence of God in one another."

Fr. Mark Wrightson, OSFS



Today's reading from Isaiah announces once again that Jesus' coming among us has brought light to the darkness and gloom of our world. Jesus has smashed the yoke of sin; he brings us joy and reason for great rejoicing. You and I have been brought into the Light through our baptism, and we are grateful for this gift.

We look around us, and it's easy to see the gloom and darkness that cover so many peoples' lives. Since our baptism gives us a share in Jesus' mission to bring Light to the world, it's important that His Light be with us as we go about our daily living. The way we reach out to the people we live with and work with offers us an opportunity to share His Light. Our caring, our honesty, our compassion, our willingness to forgive - each can bring Light into the darkness which envelops many of our brothers and sisters.

Like Andrew and Peter, James and John, Jesus calls us to follow him into our world. We need to be clear about our mission as followers. We are called to share the Light of Christ, not our own light. If we are sharing the only true light - Jesus, then there can be no factions, no special groups. We are called to be one in the Body of Christ; otherwise, we risk rendering the cross of Christ void of its meaning, as we heard St. Paul tell us.

Today we are invited to spend some time renewing our commitment to live in the Light of Christ. In prayer and Eucharist, we can gain some new insights into how we can do this more completely. And now the Lord will come to nourish us for our continuing journey with him.

May we let Jesus live in us more and more each day and may His Light shine through us in all we do.

May God be praised in our efforts today!

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