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Monday to Friday
7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment

Please call the Parish
Office. 604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:15am Monday-Friday
9:00am Monday April 6
9:10am Wednesday April 8
(School Mass)

Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass

Sunday April 5, 2026

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

**Easter Sunday Masses:
9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm**

*"At Easter, God finally reveals His glory:
He takes away the last veil and astonishes
us as never before." Pope Francis*

Easter Greetings from Fr. Mark McGuckin, pastor

Dear parishioners and guests to our home away from home, St. Francis de Sales Parish. Happy Easter to you all! Whether you are here every week, joining us again after some time away, or worshipping with us for the first time, we are truly glad you are here. Today we gather in joy to proclaim the heart of our faith: Christ is RISEN!

Easter is more than the remembrance of a past event. It is the celebration of a living victory — Our Lord's Resurrection that continues to shape our lives here and now. Like Mary Magdalene and the first disciples, we are drawn into a moment of discovery. We may arrive thinking we are looking for something — meaning, healing, hope. This is true but there's more... because we are the ones who are being found. The Resurrection reveals a Lord who still calls us by name and walks with us into new life.

At St. Francis de Sales, this Easter joy finds expression in our parish vision, simply named **"together with Him."** We believe we are at our best together as a parish with Jesus at the centre. We gather not only as a community, but as family: daughters and sons of a loving Father, brothers and sisters in Christ. Like every family, we are beautifully imperfect. We come with joys and wounds, strengths and crooked lines, trusting that God is faithful and at work in and among us.

This family life is made tangible through lavish hospitality — a love that is generous, attentive, and unmeasured. We strive to welcome each person with dignity, presence, and care, creating a life giving spiritual home where everyone can feel known, loved, and valued. The Sacred Liturgy is the heartbeat of this life together. In worship, above all through the celebration of the Eucharist, we bring everything to Jesus — our gratitude and grief, our hopes and fears — trusting that He receives it all and transforms us.

The Resurrection also sends us forth. God entrusts each of us with unique gifts, not for ourselves alone, but for the good of others. We are invited to walk together with Christ, activating our gifts in service, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us for the life of the Church and the world.

Thank you to all who journey with us in faith, hope, and love. May this Easter season be one of overflowing joy for you and your families. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

In Loving Memory

Manuel Redondo	April 1, 2010
Carllino Dalla-Vecchia	April 2, 2009
Mary Jim	April 2, 2012
Giuseppina	April 3, 2016
Paolo Palazzo	April 5, 2015
Daisy Dwan	April 6, 2002
Gerardo G. Carteciano	April 8, 1981
Santo Andolfatto	April 11, 2016
Josef Fifonja	April 12, 2016
Maria Derasmo	April 13, 2007
Bienvenido Calderon	April 14, 2015
Milton Marr	April 16, 2015
Frank Zwend	April 15, 2007
Mario Dela Vega	April 16, 2011
Lirio Lily S. Quilala	April 15, 2018
Peter Wu	April 17, 2017
Franco Brenko	April 20, 2002
Margaret Egert	April 21, 1995
Rodolfo Domingo	April 21, 2004
Presentacion Siasoco	April 22, 2015
Matthew McGrath	April 22, 1984
Corrie Kuyt	April 22, 1990
Alfredo Apodaca	April 23, 2007
Joyce Audrey Clark	April 26, 2015
Anna Benevoli	April 28, 2020
Wayne Macht	April 28, 2020
Flora Escalante	April 29, 1991
Joshua Penaso	April 30, 2008
Pascuala D. Jimenez	April 30, 2009

Religious Articles from the Holy

Land After Mass on the weekend of April 18/19 there will be religious olive wood carvings on display in the entrance of the church. These articles are hand crafted by the Christians of the



Holy land who are seeking your support today to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. 70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1.0%. It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost as a more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. These religious articles can be used as gifts for first communions, Christmas and other occasions. In addition, some of these articles can be used as a means of praying and providing comfort, strength, and even hope for people who are suffering.

Please note that ONLY CASH is accepted as payment at this time.

Thanks again for your support and God Bless.



**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast 2026
Sunday April 19
After 9 am & 11 am Masses**



You're invited to our one night, Alpha Celebration and Taster

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and check out what Alpha's all about!



6:15pm to 8:30pm on Thurs., April 9

Never sampled the Alpha Experience before? Know friends / family who haven't either?? Come join us for one amazing night in early April. It's 100% free, 110% delicious, and 120% soul-elevating. Come on by our church hall at 6:15pm on Thursday, April 9 (child care will also be provided in our school).



Welcome to our Faith Community

Victoria Abloh, Sean Blair, Graham Hamilton,
Sharon Lung, Stan Mah, Gian Santos,
Willian Santos, Bitu Shahsavari,
Yvonne Yiwen Wang, Xiao Xiao &
Emily Qian Zhang

Who were Baptized, Confirmed & Received
Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil

Nolan Dela Pena, Abraham McNicoll Grajal
& Leonardo Zancanella

Who were received into the Faith on Holy Thursday
Special Prayers for Mr. Hugo Cardoso
who will be Baptized later this year in Portugal

With the support of our parish community,
may their faith continue to grow
and fill them with God's love

St. Francis de Sales

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and Resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified." You are invited to attend our Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday April 12, at 3 pm.



Memorial Service for the victims of the Lapu-Lapu Tragedy
This memorial service is intended to honour the victims and remember their lives, while offering comfort and solidarity to their families, loved ones, and all those who continue to grieve. Your presence would be a meaningful sign of support as we gather in remembrance, prayer, and healing. The service will be led by Archbishop Richard Smith and will take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Wednesday, April 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Learn more at rcav.org/announcements/memorialservice.

Life in Spirit

Seminar



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Apr. 22 Week 1 **GOD'S LOVE**

Led by **Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal, CMF**

Apr. 29 Week 2 **SALVATION**

Led by **Fr. Médard Kamanzi**

May 6 Week 3 **NEW LIFE**

Led by **Fr. Ephrem Kardouh**

May 13 Week 4 **RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT**

Led by **Fr. Mark McGuckin**

May 20 Week 5 **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Led by **special guest**

May 27 Week 6 **GROWTH**

Led by **Fr. Tom Smith**

Jun. 3 Week 7 **TRANSFORMATION**

Led by **Fr. Mark Schwab**

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APRIL 13 TH	EPISODE 1: "WHAT DO YOU SEEK?"
APRIL 27 TH	EPISODE 2: "WHO ARE YOU?"
MAY 11 TH	EPISODE 3: "WHY A GOD?"
MAY 25 TH	EPISODE 4: "WHATS OUR STORY?"
JUNE 8 TH	EPISODE 5: "WHO IS JESUS?"
JUNE 22 ND	EPISODE 6: "AM I SAVED?"
JULY 6 TH	EPISODE 7: "WHY A CHURCH?"

This Week on Formed

Week of April 05, 2026



What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?



Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.



The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

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