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Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament in the Archdiocese of Kingston, located in Smiths Falls & Lombardy, Ontario, united by the Holy Spirit, with lives rooted in the Gospel, joyfully proclaim the birth, death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ. We commit to live out our belief as a community of worship, faith and service to all, especially to those most in need, sharing the gifts and talents received from God, under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of God.





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Office Hours
Monday Closed
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm
Friday 9am - 12pm; 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Daily Masses
St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls
Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am
1st Saturday 9:00am

Weekend Masses
St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls
Saturday 5:00pm
Blessed Sacrament, Lombardy
Sunday 9:00am
St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls
Sunday 10:30am

Confessions
Saturday 4:00pm – 4:50pm (before 5:00pm Mass)
Prior to or after Mass daily or by appointment

Sacraments
(Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, RCIA, Confirmation, Marriage)
Contact the parish office
Weddings, call office at least 6 months prior to intended date.

Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration ...Monday 9:00am - 9:00pm
Holy Hour ...Tuesday 4:30pm - 5:30pm
1st Friday Benediction & Adoration ...9:00am -10:00am

Parish Outreach Program
Wednesday Community Lunch 12:00pm, Hanley Hall

Communion & Anointing of the Sick
If you or a loved one are ill or homebound, please call the office

October 11th, 2026 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

"I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." **Psalm 23**

Sat. October 10	5:00pm	For the People
Sun. October 11 (BS)	9:00am	Stephen Tysick
Sun. October 11	10:30am	Special Intention
Mon. October 12		***No Adoration***
Tues. October 13	4:30-5:30pm	***Holy Hour***
Tues. October 13	5:30pm	Philip D'Souza & Mary Salvi
Wed. October 14	8:30am	Eva Ryan Phelan
Thurs. October 15	8:30am	Sabu Chelamootil
Fri. October 16	8:30am	Susannah and Gerben Engwerda
Sat. October 17	5:00pm	Jack Traynor
Sun. October 18 (BS)	9:00am	Christina Eileen Gibson
Sun. October 18	10:30am	Thanksgiving Mass of 180th Anniversary of St. Francis de Sales Parish

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflections

Today's Scripture readings invite us to the everlasting joy of the Heavenly Banquet, while warning us to stay ready by remaining in a state of grace.

First Reading: God prepares a magnificent feast of rich food and choice wines on His holy mountain, expanding His invitation to include all nations, not just Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Depicts God as the Good Shepherd who nourishes, leads, and protects His flock.

Second Reading: St. Paul encourages trust in a providing God, who equips His Church with everything needed to join the Heavenly Banquet.

Gospel: Through a powerful parable, Jesus confronts religious leaders for rejecting God's invitation—delivered by the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus Himself. Because they refused to reform their lives, God extends the invitation to sinners and Gentiles instead.

Life Messages

We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time, do good for everyone, and appreciate and receive God's graces in the Church.

We received the "*wedding garment*" of sanctifying grace in Baptism; while the other Sacraments provide the additional graces we need to retain it. Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled, prayerful lives, doing good for all. Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of word of God and through His Body and Blood offered to us as spiritual Food and Drink in Holy Communion.

We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and the greatest source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.

Prayer for the Repose of the Souls of: Let us remember those who have recently died, especially *Aline Robert, Melchor Sison Gonzales, Debbie Shea, Vincent Stevens, Edward Bates, France Giguere, Fr. Stan Alanen, Hugh McDougall, Sabu J. Chelamootil, Beverly Nadeau, Stephen Tysick, Keith Cassell, Jean Pierre Proulx, Fr. Bill Steacy, Suzanne Johncox, Edie Cordick, Mary Huard, Mary Kacur, Jack McConnell, Joseph Peringelil, Fidelis Ajawara, Marion Lukow, Norma Cordick, Robert Linton, Josephine Campbell, Madeline Jordan, Pierrette Fillion, Lita Cassidy, Mary Salvi, Marilyn Kelly, Ellen Jane Bennett, Luc Massie, Mary DeLasio-Hardy* and those whom we hold within the silence of our minds and hearts.

Prayer for the Healing of our Family & Friends: Let us call to mind and include in our prayers, those who are in need of God's aid and grace, especially *Jessa Rego, Denise Di Stasio, Fr. Sebastian Amato, Thérèse Brunette, Pierre Chartier, Raymonde Mason, Ross Mayer, Marcel Stevens, Brigitte Berube, Pat McGlade, Kathy Tysick, Elaine Black, Dan Boyle, Svitlana Kulish, Jean Brady, Robert Stevens, Diane Lockett, Calvin Prince, Fr. Leo Bryne, Ian Kemp, Fr. Michael McCarthy, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Don Cummings, Sean Conway, Sylvain Hébert, Denis Richardson, Jennifer Hamilton*

Upcoming Events/Meetings

October 12	Happy Thanksgiving!
October 14	COR Meeting 7pm
October 15	Living Rosary 5pm
October 15	CWL General Meeting 6pm
October 16	Choir Practice 1:30pm
October 18	180th Anniversary Mass & Potluck 12pm
October 20	Broadview Mass 11am
October 20	K of C 4th Degree Meeting 7:15pm
October 21	K of C 3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
October 22	RCIA 7pm
October 25	Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction 5-8pm
October 27	Van Horne Mass 10:30am
October 27– October 31	Photo Directory Pictures Schedules Upper HH Tuesday -Friday 2:30-8:30pm Saturday 9:30am-3:30pm

Into the Future Candle spaces are available for November 8, 15, 29 and December 6, 20, & 27. Please call the parish office.

Devotion for October: The Holy Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of your Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my many duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of your mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of you, O Queen of the holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, your son of predilection, the renowned preacher of your mysteries, and the faithful imitator of your virtues. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Collection Counters	*Rosary Leaders*
October 18 *Jim & Patricia Meagher, Isabella Kowalewski*	***October 17*** *Margery Healey* ***October 18*** *Bena MacMillan*

Lectors	*Eucharistic Ministers*
5:00pm October 17 *Jeannine Albert* *Val Whelan*	*Pat Murphy*
9:00am October 18 *Jennifer Perkin*	*Cynthia Ferrier*
10:30am October 18 *Mary Ellen Drapeau* *John Brohman*	*Rob Drapeau*

Happy Thanksgiving

As your pastor, I am deeply thankful to God and profoundly blessed by the special, unique, and amazing people here at **St. Francis de Sales—Blessed Sacrament**. To our dedicated parish staff, organizational leaders, ministry teams, and the countless volunteers who serve in so many capacities: you support, uplift, and comfort me daily. By sharing a piece of your own soul to build up our parish family, you bring immense joy to mine—always at the precise moment it is needed most. Please know that I am truly grateful to God for each of you, and I am offering **special prayers** for your health, well-being, and continued blessings. Fr. Jacob



Adoration

There will be no Adoration on Monday October 12 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

180th Anniversary Celebration of the Inauguration of St. Francis de Sales Church

Please join us on Sunday, October 18 at 10:30am at St. Francis de Sales Church as we celebrate the Eucharist in thanksgiving for the gift of our parish. Together, we will honor 180 years of divine blessings received by our ancestors and continuing in our lives today, while praying that God's grace guides and protects our future generations. Following the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate our parish's 180th anniversary **with a potluck in upper Hanley Hall**. We will also have a parish history display. If you have any parish photos, memorabilia, or documents that you can share for the display please contact Rob Drapeau by October 15 at drapeau@bell.net 613 206-4316. Rest assured the items will be well looked after, and returned to you.

RCIA Reminder

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you have questions about what Catholics believe, or are you a baptized Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Eucharist? We want to remind everyone that our **bi-weekly sessions are currently underway!** Even if you missed the first few meetings, **you are still very welcome to join us.** There is absolutely no pressure or obligation—just a safe, open space to explore, ask questions, and grow spiritually. Sessions run every second Thursday evening at 7pm in church (**next session Thursday October 22, 2026).** If you or someone you love is interested, please come to our next session, or reach out to our parish office.

Living Rosary

Please join the Catholic Women's League for a Living Rosary on Thursday, October 15 at 5:00pm at St. Francis de Sales Church. Come pray with us as we honour our Blessed Mother and gather together in faith. All are warmly welcome! The CWL General Meeting will follow at 6:00pm in Hanley Hall.

Bartenders Needed for Spaghetti Dinner

We need **one or two volunteer bartenders** for our upcoming **Parish Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** on **Sunday, October 25th.** Volunteers will need to arrive at 4:30pm, with the bar operating from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Thanks to a recent clarification on permit regulations, **Smart Serve certification is not required** for these positions. . Please contact Rob at drapeau@bell.net or 613-206-4316.

Say Cheese! Our New Parish Photo Directory is Coming!

It is time to update our parish family album! We hope to have every individual and family to be included in our upcoming Parish Photo Directory.

Tuesday October 27 to Friday October 30: 2:30pm–8:30pm
Saturday October 31: 9:30am–3:30pm

Appointments fill up quickly! To schedule your photo session or if you have any questions, please contact **Joanne** at **613-791-0752.**

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Membership in the lottery club is open to all people 18 years or older residing in the province of Ontario. $52.00/ticket and will be included in all the draws. Tickets purchased by October 20, 2026 will be entered into the early bird draw of $250.00. Provide your name, address, telephone # and email address and a payment of $52.00. via e-transfer to kofcsmithsfalls5050club@gmail.com, mail to Rob Drapeau 387 Perth Rd Smiths Falls ON K7A 4S7, or put an envelope marked to K of C's attention in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Cheques should be payable to K of C Council 2444.

Congratulations

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of **Zayne Sidney Francis Cauley**, child of Shawn Cauley and Dawn Faulkner. Congratulations on your Baptism. Best wishes for this new step in your journey of faith. Let God be the guiding light for you. May you be a wise person in your life and follow the path of wisdom of Jesus.

Volunteers for Wednesday Community Lunches

We are still looking for more volunteers for teams to help serve our neighbours for our dine in community lunches on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Jenny at 905-576-8072.

Ladies Thursday Lunch Club Update

Due to a recent decline in attendance, we have made the decision to pause the Lunch Club for the time being. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has attended and supported the club. We will share updates, if and when it resumes.

An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health, food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, Jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast. "How much does it cost to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch. "Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter replied, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." — The old man looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault! If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, we could have been here ten years ago!"

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