

August 12, 2020.

Dear parishioners of St. Francis de Sales.

I write to you with some exciting news for our parish St. Francis de Sales and our sister parish Prince of Peace.

As you may have already heard, I have been appointed by the Archbishop administrator of St. Francis de Sales and Prince of Peace starting Sept 1st.

Needless to say, I am very humbled by this appointment and ready to continuing serving these two parishes as I have served them for the last five years as associate.

I would like to share with you some thoughts regarding our new reality.

Let me begin by thanking all our parish staff and volunteers for always being ready to serve. During this pandemic, our offices have remained partially opened, the food pantry has worked hard to help our most vulnerable during this time, the ushers at mass are making sure that coming back to mass is safe, clean, and organized. Liturgical ministers and clergy are continuing administrating and celebrating the sacraments (virtually or in-person) to our people. From the bottom of my heart thank you!

Fr. Jack will be leaving us to start his new assignment as Pastor of Our Lady of the Fields, and we wish him the best. That means, you are left with me, just one priest for two parishes.

In order to better serve our two sister parishes, I asked for the help and consultation of our Clergy, pastoral councils, and our parish staffs, and we have come to the conclusion that our mass schedule will have to have a couple of changes.

Let's start with daily masses and communion Services. (We will be offering daily mass every day. We just need to understand where and at what time they are offered.) This is the new daily mass schedule effective Sept 1st 2020.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Francis: 9am Communion Service	St. Francis: 9am Mass	St. Francis: 9am Mass	St. Francis: 9am Communion Service	St. Francis: 9am Mass
Prince of Peace: 12 noon Mass			Prince of Peace: 12 noon Mass	

Our weekend masses will have some changes as well.

- We will have visiting priests to help us with the weekend masses. I will make sure to alternate the location of the visiting priest and I between the two parishes.

- At St. Francis de Sales, the Saturday mass will be at 5:30pm. The reason is, in case of any unforeseen circumstances or last-minute events, I or somebody else, (the priest saying mass at Prince of Peace) will have time to finish mass and get back to St Francis in time for the 5:30pm mass.
- Confessions at St. Francis will be moved to 7:30am and 12:30pm on Sundays. For those wishing to go to confession on Saturday, they may go to our sister parish on Saturday at 3pm.

Prince of Peace	St. Francis de Sales
Saturday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm: Confessions. • 4pm: Mass. 	Saturday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm Mass.
Sunday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am: Mass. 	Sunday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30am: Confessions. • 8am: Mass. • 10:30am: Mass. • 12:30pm: Confessions. • 1pm: Spanish Mass.

After prayer and consultation, we believe these changes are necessary in order to better serve our parishes. On behalf of our clergy, pastoral councils, parish staff and myself, want to give you our most sincere thanks for your support and understanding. Please continue praying for one another, our parish and all our clergy as we embark in this new chapter in St. Francis de Sales and our sister parish Prince of Peace.

May God bless you,



Fr. Garcia

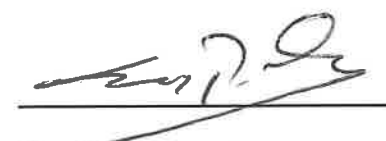


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