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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:
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10:00AM Choir
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Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Antoine Pellerin

Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 222, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext. 221

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Monday to Thursday afternoons
1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Monday & Wednesday Morning Closed

Friday closed

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devp.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Prayer Group
Wednesdays after mass

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)
During 10:00 AM Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14

Numbers 24:2-7,15-17

Psalm 25:4-9 Matthew 21:23-27

5:30 pm Int.of The General Council

Tuesday, December 15

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34:1-

2,5-6,17-19,22 Matthew 21:28-32

5:30 pm Lil & Joe Zerebeski

Wednesday, December 16

Isaiah 45:6-8,18, 21-25

Psalm 85: 8-14 Luke 7:19-23

5:30 pm Gustavo Visentin +

Thursday, December 17

Genesis 49:2,8-10 Psalm 72:1-4, 7-

8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17

5:30 pm Pat & Andrea O'Connor +

Friday, December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72 1-2, 12-

13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-24

5:30 pm In Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Psalm 71:

3-6, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25

5:30 pm Mary Davis+

Sunday, December 20

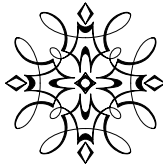
2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Psalm 89 1-4, 26,28 Luke 1:26-38

10:00 am Moira Casey +



Third Sunday of Advent



The Friar's Nook

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. It comes from the Latin meaning "Rejoice!" The exclamation mark is appropriate because it is a command not a suggestion. It shows the church is just as excited about the coming of Christmas as we are!

I remember as a child that I couldn't wait to get our Christmas tree set up. From the beginning of December, I would nag my parents to get a tree. The problem is, getting a live tree on December 1st doesn't guarantee you'll have a live tree on December 25th. So, my parents would put it off until mid-December. I couldn't wait to put the lights and the decorations on the tree because, once this was done, then we could start putting our presents under the tree. Any gifts we had that we were giving to others, brothers, sisters, mom and dad, cousins, we're all kept under the tree. So as Christmas approached the underside of the tree became a festive Wonderland. It was hard not checking out presents that were earmarked for me. Then would come the making of Christmas cookies, and watching Christmas specials on TV with our cousins. It only served to stir up the excitement and gave real meaning to the word "rejoice."

This is one of the two times of the year when we get to wear pink! I don't have pink Crocs, nor do I want them, but we do have a set of pink vestments or should I say "rose coloured" vestments. We wear them on this Sunday to brighten things up and hopefully show our joy. We also wear them on Laetare Sunday in Lent but for an entirely different reason. In Lent, we celebrate that we're halfway through and almost done with the Lenten season. In Advent, we celebrate that we're halfway through and have almost reached Christmas!

I know this year for most of you Christmas will be a very different experience. It will probably be one with fewer people around but there's no less reason to celebrate because Christ came and will come again, and we still have Him and each other, even if we aren't present physically to each other. As I learned from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", nothing can steal Christmas - it comes anyway we simply need to look for it and "rejoice."

Around the Friary, I have decorated and will begin decorating in the church next week. I still have five storage bins of Christmas decorations that I haven't used! My predecessor decorated every square inch of space. I'm a little less extravagant. But I will celebrate! I hope that you are in the pink as well. As a friend of mine always tells me, "Be proactive". Don't let the hope and expected joy of Christmas fade away. Plan on doing something to celebrate any way that you can – remember I'm not wearing pink vestments for no reason!

For American Thanksgiving, I knew that I was going to be alone so instead of moping, I made a turkey dinner with all the trimmings (except dessert because I can use a little trimming). Then I arranged to video chat with my family. Yes, it wasn't the same as being there, but it was really good to see and talk to them. Amazingly, love can travel across the internet!

Christmas is coming, plan for joy.
Fr. Bob

Please Pray for:

The sick of the Parish Community

The deceased of the Parish Community/



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass 5:30pm

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am Online

New Years Eve Mass 5:30 pm Online

New Year's Day Mass 10:00 am Online

Go to the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page to watch Mass Online!

Congratulations to all those families who had children Baptized in 2020 at St. Joan of Arc.

Zachary Vieira, Daniel Wood, Elroy Rodrigues, Eames Mancuso,, Grace McCawley-Schneider, Logan Cordero, Denque Brown , Kataleya Guevara, Alejandra Leiva, Thalia Martinez, Brayden Zahra, Noah Hanan, Jay'ceon Pinnock, Nieall Wellington, Jasmin Lurnitus, Cole Mandaric, Zach Casupang, John Piper, Aubrey Basaraba, Braden Basaraba and Olen Murphy.



COVID 19 Recovering Together

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, our solidarity and generosity are needed both locally and globally. We look for a just recovery for every country so all can live in dignity.

OFFICE INFORMATIONS

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are ready for pickup, they can be collected Tuesdays and Thursdays when Rosanne is in the office.

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS: are available from the office for \$5.00 each. When Rosanne is in.

MASSES

Be assured if you have booked a mass to be said here at St Joan of Arc, it will be said. Even though we can not open up the church, Fr. Bob and Fr. Ken are privately saying mass daily. All the masses that have been booked have been said to date. We continue to book masses through the office.

THE FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18th to the 25th, 2021. This year the theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (ef. John 15:5-9)



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