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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:  
Maryanne Chard  
10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
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 21**

*Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33: 2-3,11-12,20-21 Luke 1:39-45*  
5:30 pm Ely Tan Scholten+

**Tuesday, December 22**

*1 Samuel 1:24-28*  
*1 Samuel 2:1,4-8 Luke 1:46-56*  
5:30 pm Ely Tan Scholten +

**Wednesday, December 23**

*Malachi 3:1-6 Psalm 25 4-5,8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66*  
5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

**Thursday, December 24**

*Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89:2-4,15-16, 26,28 Acts 13:16-17,22-25*  
*Matthew 1:1-25*  
5:30 pm The Parish Community

**Friday, December 25**

*Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98 1-6*  
*Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-5, 9-14*  
10:00 am The Parish Community

**Saturday, December 26**

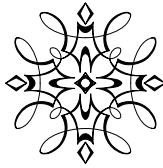
*Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Psalm 31:2-3,5,7,15 Matthew 10: 17-22*  
5:30 pm The Parish Community

**Sunday, December 27**

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128 :1-5 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22, 25-27, 34-35*  
10:00 am The Parish Community



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*The Friar's Nook*

As a person who works for the church, I love the 4th Sunday of Advent. With all the hustle and bustle of the season and the things we “need to do”, the 4th Sunday of Advent reminds us that the time is short - Christmas is coming!

I say this not to throw people into a panic but rather, to remind people that now is the time to relax. Instead of a last-minute scramble, to get everything done For Christmas, settle for the things that are already done. The world won't come to an end if you haven't dotted every i and crossed every t, if all the right gifts weren't purchased, if all the food wasn't prepared just so. Now is the time to begin to quiet down inside, especially, with all the noise that's outside. If we take this time to be still, we can begin to hear what's, especially important and come to celebrate Christmas as we ought to.

The way it looks now, we will probably still be closed for Christmas. But that won't stop us from celebrating the love of God that has come to us, leads us, and will come to take us to Himself. We are planning, at this point, to live stream the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30 PM and the Christmas day Mass at 10:00 AM. I will certainly miss seeing all of you, the young and the old alike, and being with you but that just reminds me of the goodness God has shown me here with you. And I know the day will come, hopefully soon, when we are back together again to celebrate.

When I first joined the Friars, I was talking with a secretary in one of the offices at Graymoor. She was concerned that I put too much of myself into my ministry. She advised that I put a barrier up between me and the people to whom I ministered so that when I had to leave a place, it wouldn't be so difficult. I told her but I wanted it to be difficult because if I feel pain at the loss that I know I left a piece of my heart there and that I was really there. After much discussion, she gave up on me, and said “Well maybe it will work for you.” I cannot imagine separating myself from the people to whom I minister. I realized that sometimes it can get messy but also there is much joy that I would miss out on! As you can tell a person who chooses joy wherever I can find it concerned that I put too much of myself into my ministry. She advised that I put a barrier up between me and the people to whom I ministered so that when I had to leave a place, it wouldn't be so difficult. I told her but I wanted it to be difficult because if I feel pain at the loss that I know I left a piece of my heart there and that I was really there. After much discussion, she gave up on me, and said “Well maybe it will work for you.” I cannot imagine separating myself from the people to whom I minister. I realized that sometimes it can get messy but also there is much joy that I would miss out on! As you can tell I am a person who chooses joy wherever I can find it. It's kind of like thinking that since I'm eventually going to die someday why bother doing anything. We are given life and called by God to do something with it.

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Christmas is about love, the love God has for us by becoming one of us in Christ, the love Jesus has for us to suffer and die, the love we are called to show one another- not just at Christmas but at all times! As the stresses of this week make an appearance, remember love. It is what God is all about and as His children it is what we should be about also. Like Father like son (and daughter).

*May you know His peace, joy and love (and my love too!)*

*Fr. Bob*

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**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.



**Christmas Schedule**

Christmas Eve	Mass	5:30pm	Online
Christmas Day	Mass	10:00 am	Online
New Years Eve	Mass	5:30 pm	Online
New Year's Day	Mass	10:00 am	Online

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*Fr Bob Fr. Ken*

*Rosanne*

*Cathi & Anne*

*Wish Everyone a*

*Happy and Blessed Christmas!*



**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.

**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)

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL ST. JOAN OF ARC CONFERENCE**

With Covid-19 changing how we live, we still have to think of our neighbours in need. We have decided that this year we will give out food vouchers and gift cards only. Since, we can not make home visits we have to mail out the help. So, we will be sending food vouchers hoping that donations will continue to come in. So that when the January bill arrives, we have enough funds to pay the invoice. Any donation received by December 31st will get a tax receipt for this year. After that date any donation received will be included in next year's receipt.



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