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Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Genia Vanderkruk
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Michael Thibodeau

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

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 1003, 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 1007

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Closed Wednesday mornings

Wednesday afternoons
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

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 Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months
St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

MASS
INTENTIONS**Sunday, December 3***First Sunday of Advent*Is 63:16b-17, 64:1, 3-8 Ps 800: 1-18
1Cor1:3-9 Mk 13: 33-3710am Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski
12pm Zofia Grzybowski**Monday, December 4**Is 2:1-5 Ps 122: 1-10 Mt 8:5-13
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory**Tuesday, December 5**Is 11:1-10 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17 Lk 10:21-24
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory**Wednesday, December 6**Is 25:6-10a Ps 23: 1-3a, 4, 5,6
Mt 15:29-37

5:30 pm Int. of General Council

Thursday, December 7Is 26: 1-6 Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7: 21, 24-27
5:30 pm Deceased Friars**Friday, December 8**Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Ep 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38
5:30 pm Robert Cesar Ramos**Saturday, December 9**Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Ps 147: 1-6
Mt 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
5:30 pm Int. of Joan Florian

The Friar's Nook

As you probably can tell by the decor change in the church, we have begun a new season and in fact a new church year. Today because we begin the season of Advent. It's a time to "get ready". Surely, we probably think that getting ready is something we do for Christmas. But we think about buying presents, putting up decorations, celebrating parties, and the like. Advent, though, is time to prepare our lives and our hearts for God's greatest gift to us – His son Jesus who is "God with us".

When I was growing up, I remember we used to get an Advent calendar. No one really explained it to us, so as a child I thought it was simply a countdown 'till Christmas when the good day came! We had one for the whole family and we would alternate being the one to open the little doors to see what picture was behind them. Nowadays, they have Advent calendars with chocolates in them and even ones with whiskey in them for each day! In both cases, mine counting down till Christmas, and ones that give you a present each day, I think they miss the true meaning of Advent. What they should teach us is not a prolongation of Christmas but rather what Christmas is truly about. We were happy as children to open a flap and see a picture of a toy because it was a surprise. It felt like we were on a little treasure hunt leading us to Christmas.

As an adult, I think that's the best use of an Advent calendar. It should teach us that God has little surprises for us each day. Maybe not a toy, but something beautiful and wonderful. The real challenge is we don't simply have a little cardboard door to open, but we have to truly look for it each day in our lives. This doesn't simply happen during Advent, God is always gifting us with His presence and with His goodness, and therefore we should be seeking the presence of God and that goodness every day. But the season of Advent is a time to remind us of that. In the busyness of our lives, we so often forget about the goodness of God that is out there and available to us. We get so distracted by the things around us that we don't take time to open our eyes and ears to find the goodness and beauty of God each day.

I encourage you to spend at least this Advent season looking for the treasures each day that God has for us that we may be filled with his joy. That's the true preparation of Advent. So that when Christmas comes, we really understand it for what it is -- the great gift of God coming to us! After all, where do you think we get the word adventure from? Let us make this season of Advent the beginning of another adventure with God!

Happy Advent,

Fr. Bob

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Michelle Rodrigues, Rose Menecola, Rosanne K
The Deceased: Frank Grech, Brendan Clough

Short Prayer Vigil for Climate Justice on December 9th after

Saturday eve mass - Join Creation Care Ministry and Development and Peace for a 20-minute Candles for COP Prayer Vigil for Climate Justice next weekend in the church right after the Saturday evening mass ends. People of faith in Canada and around the world are praying and acting for climate justice on this weekend and throughout the UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) from Nov. 30 – Dec. 12. Visit Creation Care Ministry's website at www.bit.ly/sjaccm to find resources for reflection and action.

Bring in your Used Stamps

With Christmas cards arriving, Development and Peace invites you to bring your used stamps (cut or rip around the stamp without touching the perforation), D&P has raised over a quarter of a million dollars with these stamps. There is a marked envelope on the big bulletin board in the hall you can drop them in... or we will have the collection box available at our December Fair Trade Weekend - Dec. 16/17.

Young Adults Night

Calling all young adults (aged 18 and over – single or married) to our Young Adults Night on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm! Come and join other young professionals in fun, faith, and fellowship. You are invited to attend the 5:30pm Mass.

Winter Welcome Table

Experience the warmth of 'The Winter Welcome Table,' a joint effort by St. Peter's Parish and St. Joan of Arc, reaching out to alleviate homelessness through hospitality and hot meals every Monday night. As we extend our care, we invite you to contribute to our donation drive. We are in need of toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, feminine products, etc.), gently used warm winter jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats for our clients. Drop off your items in the parish hall, and we'll be collecting them until December 17th. Thank you for your kindness and support, your donations can bring comfort and warmth to those in need!

Monthly Offertory 2023

Offertory	November
Envelopes	\$ 7,116
Loose	\$ 2,140
PAG*	\$ 6,102
Total	\$ 15,358

*Pre-Authorized Giving

Contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund for the month of November were \$4,277

10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our website

This Week

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 pm Young Adults Night

Thursday, December 7

7:30 pm R.C.I.A.

Saturday, December 8

Candles for COP Prayer Vigil

Future Dates to Remember

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat. 5:30 pm Vigil &

Sun. 10:00am

(There will not be a 12pm Mass)

Christmas Eve (Christmas Liturgy)

5:30 pm *Children's Liturgy &*

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8:00 pm & 12:00 am Midnight

Christmas Day (Christmas Liturgy)

10:00 am & 12:00 pm

No Evening Mass

Sunday, December 31

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat. 5:30 pm Vigil &

Sun. 10:00am

(There will not be a 12pm Mass)

New Year's Eve - 5:30 pm

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary)

10:00 am & 12:00 pm

No Evening Mass



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