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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Monday to Friday 5:30 p.m.

Baptism: Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Pre-Baptismal meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Sheila Malloch

Marriage: Diocesan regulations require that the initial Interview take place one year prior to planned date. Please call the office for an appointment.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33

Luke 1:39-45

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Tuesday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2

Luke 1:46-56

5:30 pm Health of Br. John Baptist

Wednesday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 Psalm 25

Luke 1:57-66

5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

Thursday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 16 Psalm 89

Luke 1:67-79

5:30 pm The Parish Community

9:30 pm The Parish Community

12:00 midnight The Parish Community

Christmas Day, December 25

Isaiah 62: 11-12 Psalm 97

Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 noon The Parish Community

Saturday, December 26

Acts 6: 8-10, 7:54-59 Psalm 31

Matthew 10:17-22

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, December 27

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 84 1

John 3:1-2, 21-24

8:30 am Int. of Fr. Dan

10:00 am Deceased Friars

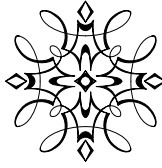
12:00 noon Int. of Fr. Pat

7:00 pm Parish Community

This past week's gifts to God: Dec 13

Offertory	
Total	\$6,033
Envelopes	\$4,643
Loose	\$1,390

Total envelopes used: 191



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Many members of the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, the Capital Campaign Committee the Building Committee and others gathered this evening in the Friary to celebrate a wonderful pot luck Christmas Dinner and tree trimming party. It was so much fun to just be together enjoying one others company without any business agenda. It is at times like this when I appreciate what truly wonderful people God has gathered here at St. Joan of Arc Parish to be witnesses of his goodness and to continue the life of the Church.

This past Friday night the St. Vincent DePaul group had another pot luck supper, and then organized the gift wrap and delivery of toys collected at Adventure Sunday for Children who Santa had pointed out to them for Christmas gifting. Stephanie Ficker and company did a great job pulling this together in the midst of the construction. Many other parishioners have been wrapping gifts for the men and women who attend the Winter Welcome table at St Peters. Santa will deliver these gifts next Monday at the special Christmas dinner celebration.

Wednesday evening the RCIA group and former members of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults from the parish will gather to decorate the Church and once again share some fun and appreciate the Spirit of Christmas as they illuminate the sanctuary space for the many visitors who will come to worship with us at Christmas. The Choirs have been practicing with loving diligence to enhance our worship in the special celebrations that Christmas will provide. The groups of individuals who participate with such generous dedication make St. Joan of Arc a place of welcome and hospitality for all who come here to find the source of all life and holiness at Christmas. So many other ministries like Prayer devotions, ministry to the sick, lectors, doing church maintenance chores, caring for the sacristy, Eucharistic ministries, letter writing and outreach all continue. These services are done behind the scenes without much acknowledgement, and how necessary and important is this for the life of the Church.

It's truly wonderful that Christmas brings so much new life to the parish. Many friends and family members and visitors will come here for the first time. Some folks only come to worship at the great holy feasts of Christmas and Easter. What a gift it is that we are here for all, we can demonstrate the warmth and love of Jesus whose birth brings salvation for all. It is truly a blessing that God calls us all to holiness in particular and mysterious ways. The warmth and hospitality of Christmas time is important for all of us no matter how deeply engaged we are in the activities of the Church. For all of us who are committed to these ministries it is a way to respond in gratitude for God's goodness to us. For others who may visit for the first time we are here to demonstrate God's goodness to us as we extend ourselves in welcome greeting and embrace. How grateful I am to God and to all in this parish for the life sharing, prayer, work and outreach that you constantly extend by your love and dedication to this community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you are and do to make this place a visible sign of the Kingdom of God for all to find here in the parish.

May God Bless you Richly in Love and Grace

Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

The Sick

The Deceased: Angus MacDonald

Christmas Pageant

This year the Children's pageant will be moved to 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve the story of the Nativity is told by the children of the parish. The second practice on December 20th, in the church. Any child wanting to participate is welcome—we need shepherds, angels, "wise-people", etc. and maybe even a lamb or camel.

Confirmation Students

All students in the Catholic School System should be registered by January 8, 2010, if they wish to be confirmed in the spring. If they are not registered by that date, will not be able to be confirmed in this school year.

Christmas Schedule

December 22 7:30 pm Reconciliation Service

December 24, Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Children's Pageant during Liturgy

9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy

12:00 midnight Christmas Liturgy

December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am & 12 noon only;

No evening masses.

December 28 All parish offices closed: no masses.

December 26 & 27 Feast of the Holy Family,

Regular Mass Times for Saturday and Sunday

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31, 2009 Mass at 5:30pm on New Year's Eve

January 1, 2009 Masses at 10 am and 12 noon, only;

No evening masses.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We would like to thank the parishioners who have supported us this year with our Christmas envelopes. The support is down this year, and we understand that everyone is feeling the crunch. Please accept our thanks and know that our clients appreciate all the help you give through the society.

*May your hearts be filled with light and hope this
Christmas,*

*As we celebrate God amount us and within us. May
you have a*

Happy and Blessed Christmas.

The Parish Staff

THIS WEEK

No Activities

Tuesday, December 22

7:30 pm Penance Service

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Envelope Users

Please collect your boxes as you leave church today. We haven't much space, with the renovations going on. We would appreciate if you would collect them right away

NOTICE TO PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVERS

We have moved the administration of a portion of our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to the Archdiocese of Toronto. As a result, starting in December withdrawals from your bank account or credit card will be on the 20th of each month (previously withdrawals were on the 15th of the month).



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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