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Altar Servers
Call the office

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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, February 15

Genesis 4:1-15, 25 Psalm 50

Mark 8:11-13

5:30 pm For Our Seniors

Tuesday, February 16

Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10

Psalm 29 Mark 8:14-21

5:30 pm For Our Children

Ash Wednesday February 17

Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51

2Corin.5:20, 6:2

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

5:30 pm Velma & Jan Pabian +

Thursday, February 18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1

Luke 9:22-25

5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Friday, February 19

Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 51

Matthew 9:14-15

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Saturday, February 20

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86

Luke 5:27-32

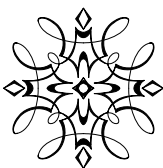
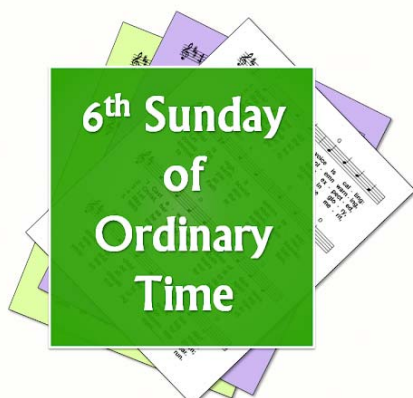
5:30 pm Rosamund Ficker +

Sunday, February 21

Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 25

1Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

10:00 am The Parish Community



The Friar's Nook

Happy Valentine's Day! It is a day that people celebrate love. However, the type of love that the world sells (yes sells!) is not what the love that Saint Valentine was about. Perhaps that's why we don't call it St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine was a bishop who sought to show the love of God, not romantic love. That love was self-giving and pure. He died a martyr's death for the love of God and others. When the emperor of Rome banned marriages because men were not joining his army. He thought it was because they were too concerned about staying with their wives and families! He would learn that you can't legislate love (not the emotion but genuine love that puts others ahead of self). Valentine knew that this love, the love of a couple, finds its fullness in the sacrament of marriage. And he wouldn't deny people the sacrament even if it was illegal.

For showing and celebrating the love of God found in the sacraments, Valentine lost his head – literally. But not until he was beaten to death first. So, you see, the story is not very romantic, but it does reveal to us what true love is about – namely caring for the people around you, your spouse and your family.

For Valentine's Day, maybe we shouldn't focus on romance, but on loving those around us. When I was a child in school, we would decorate paper bags and hang them on the wall to collect Valentine's Day cards in. Those certainly weren't about romance! However, it was nice to read them and gave me a warm feeling that people thought of me. I always remembered this when I was writing out Valentines for my classmates in hopes to make them feel loved too.

God says I love you, in the Bible and in our lives. He teaches us that love is about self-sacrifice and putting others needs ahead of our own. Remember "the last shall be first in the kingdom!" The love God calls us to, was the love that Saint Valentine died for. It was not about cards, candy, flowers, or going out to dinner. It was the love Jesus showed us when he died for us on the cross even though we still were sinners. It was the love that says: "give without expecting to receive." If we truly do this then we know the love of God deep within our hearts and that truly is its own reward.

By the time you read this I realize that Valentine's Day might be over. But the love that we are called to share with and show to each other goes on. So, there are no excuses. Pope Francis would consider wearing a mask during this pandemic is an outward sign of your love for others. After all, we are each other's keepers! If you're alone during this isolation, don't dwell on what you don't have but take it, as a challenge to reach out in love to others in new ways!

I'm sure that Saint Valentine didn't think that celebrating a sacrament, any sacrament would be a sign of his love and yet that is what it became. I'm not asking you to die for others but maybe just die to yourself a bit so that you can love others more. Remember, Lent is coming soon and we will once again have to find new ways to celebrate it. But one way that you can never go wrong with is love.

*Happy Saint Valentine's Day,
Fr. Bob*

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Gary Hartnett, Richard Kratz, Doreen Wright, Daniel Olmedo and Frank Grech

The Deceased: Mervis Wortynec

THE FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Friars' Student Writing Award. Students are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Christian Unity. This year the theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9) Contest Rules: All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit. Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario Secondary school or equivalent program. Essay must be between 450 to 500 words in length and submitted on or before the contest closing date of Feb. 15, 2021. Entries must include contestant's full name, email address, phone number and name of your school on the front page of your essay. Submission Deadline: Monday, **February 15, 2021**. Submit essays by E-mail: Re: "Friars' Contest" to editor@catholicregister.org For information: 416-934-3400 (x 527) or 1-855-441-4077 (x 401) or www.catholicregister.org/writingaward &

Please join us in celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week.

. The WIHW is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative. The WIHW extends the two commandments by adding "Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour." All people of good will, regardless of faith, are encouraged to come together and learn about each other during the first week of February of every year. Wed. Feb. 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. – *Extending our Embrace*. This online event seeks to widen our circles of compassion and care through inspiring story-telling and art from diverse faith traditions. Organized by Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Archdiocese of Toronto in collaboration with TCDSB, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement and the Mary Ward Centre. To register: http go to ://bit.ly/WIHWregister

Ash Wednesday

This one of two days in the church year (the other is Good Friday) when healthy person between the ages of 18 -59 years are asked to observe a day of fast and abstinence. This consists of having one full meal with no meat and two meals that together do not equal a full meal, no snacks in between. (no meat at any meal) We are asked to be sensible with regard to specific conditions. A construction worker, a person with diabetes or a nursing mother would not be expected to rigidly follow this precept Observance of this is the church's way of helping us to be aware that we are entering a time of a more sombre preparation of our hearts for the full celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter. Abstinence on the other Fridays of Lent is a matter of personal, voluntary discipline, recommended by ot required. If not abstaining, we should replace it with some other personal discipline.

Direct Deposit forms

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Development& Peace

The D&P Lenten theme for 2021 is SHARE LOVE. Over the Lenten period we will bring you excerpts from Pope Francis's latest encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" on fraternity and friendship. Please look for these posts in the upcoming bulletins. This encyclical is a bright light with a hopeful path forward. It speaks to the heart of all of us, here and around the world, seeking to bring back a normal that is good news for all of us. "

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