

St. Joan of Arc

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

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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

Fax

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

<u>Monday, February 28</u> *1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 111:1-2,5-6, 9+3 Mark 10: 17-27* 5:30 pm John Lapchak +

<u>Tuesday, March 1</u> 1 Peter 1:10-16 Psalm 98:1-4 Mark 10:28-31 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

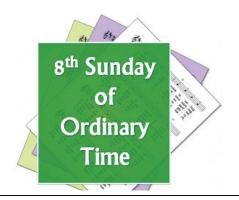
<u>Ash Wednesday, March 2</u> Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12, 15, 2Corinthians. 5:20, 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 5:30 pm Sick of the Parish

<u>Thursday, March 3</u> Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-6 Luke 9:22-25 5:30 pm For our Religious Ed Teachers & Students

<u>Friday, March 4</u> Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 51: 1-4, 16-17 Matthew 9:14-15 5:30 pm The Parish Community

<u>Saturday, March 5</u> Isaiah 58:9-14 Psalm 86: 1-6 Luke 5:27-32 5:30 pm Int. of Fr. Bob

Sunday, March 6 Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 9 Romans 10; 8-13 Luke 4:1-13 10:00 am Maria & Leon Dacanay+





The Friar's Nook

It's hard to believe that another month has gone by, but it's almost March! We're slowly moving to a sense of normalcy. We have some religious education classes back in session and it's nice to see the kids again and for the younger ones who only know me as "that guy on the computer" I meet them with Sonya so now they know me as "that guy with the beard and the nice dog."

This week brings us Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. There's also talk of the province lifting some more restrictions. But I won't count my chickens until they are hatched, last year we made plans for Holy Week and Easter only to be shut down again. So, we'll take it week by week and see how it goes. For those of you who are attending mass you'll notice that you don't have to sign in anymore as Toronto is not doing contact tracing anymore. It's but a small sign of inching our way back to normalcy, but I'll take it!

As you may have heard in the announcements, we have installed a new phone system to replace the thirty-year-old system that kept breaking down. That is to say, I have replaced the phone system and with help online. think that I have it figured out so that it should be working whenever you need to reach us. That being said, if there are any bugs or improvements that we can make let me know and I will see if I can figure it out. At the same time, our new computers came in. I seem to have got them up and running except they don't want to connect to the server. I've given them a good talking to but that doesn't seem to help. I may have to look up the patron saint of computers and do some prayers but with help we will get this figured out.

We are getting ready for Lent, with plans and prayers and hopes that we're not closed down again. As part of my Lenten penance, I will be away from you for the first three weeks in March. The first week of March the Friars are holding a conference, for all the Friars and our lay assistants. The highlight of that week should be a concert by Amy Grant. The following week, I have my monthly General Council meetings at Graymoor. And the week after that we take a retreat. For those of you who are worried, fear not I am taking Sonya with me for the first two weeks. On the weekend between meetings, I will head home to see my family, who really, only want to meet Sonya, but that's OK. Hopefully she can be of some comfort to my sister as she awaits her cancer surgery and treatment. I will have to keep a close watch that she's not glutted with treats because Sonya will eat whatever you offer her and being as cute as she is she's usually offered a lot.

Hopefully, I will be celebrating Holy Week this year my first time as pastor. I know it would be holier with you attending. And Easter will be far more joyful. It's nice to be able to stand outside after a Mass and greet people but I can't wait until we can meet again in the hall where we can have coffee, (or tea) donuts, and fellowship. We are working to get ready for you and hope that we will soon see the fruits of all this work. Until then, thanks for all the support. Thanks to all who make things possible here at Saint Joan of Arc, staff, volunteers, and parishioners alike. We couldn't be here without you,

nor would we want to be.

I'll be writing to you one more time as we begin Lent and then be on hiatus for those three weeks. But you will remain in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Fr. Bob

Please pray for:

The Sick: The Deceased: Marcelo Quinteros

ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS

If you have not yet paid your membership, you may drop it in the collection or mail it to the parish office payable to Catholic Women's League. Mark it, membership on the memo line. Due to covid we are behind in paying membership fees for 2021.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Attention Parents, the dates have been set for First Communion and Confirmation. The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered by Fr. Bob on April 30th. The **First Communion Class** will receive the sacrament on May 7^{th.}

WINTER WELCOME TABLE

All during covid 19, Winter Welcome Table was serving packaged meals to their clients. For those of you who are new to the parish, Winter Welcome Table was started by the Sisters of Sion, the Friars of the Atonement, the Paulist Fathers, the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter's. For over 12 years, we have been feeding hot meals, to the less fortunate in St. Peter's parish hall on Monday evenings. During Covid, packaged meals were given out. Thank you to those who have supported our appeal over the past few weeks. Donations to this worthwhile ministry are always needed and welcome.

Ash Wednesday March 2

This is one of the two days in the church year (the other is Good Friday) when healthy persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to observe a day of fast and abstinence. This consists of having one full meal (with no meat) and up to two other meals which, taken together, do not equal a full meal, no snacks in between and no meat at any meal. We are asked to be sensible with regard to specific conditions. A construction worker a person whit 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 more sombre preparation of our hearts for the full celebration of the paschal Mystery at Easter. Abstinence on other Fridays of Let is a matter of personal, voluntary discipline, recommended but not required by the church. If we are not abstaining, we should be replacing it with some other personal discipline.

The 10 am Sunday Mass

Is live streamed on our Facebook page.

Bible Study

Fr. Bob invites you to join him on our Facebook page, Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm for Bible Study when he is in town.

Offertory Envelopes

We remind you that our request for this year is to collect last year's box from the parish hall. For anyone who didn't have a box number before, you can contact the office and have a box issued for you.

First Friday Mass & Stations of the Cross

On Friday, March 4th (the First Friday of Lent), you are invited to join in prayer (in person or streamed) at the 5:30 Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross (lead by SJA D&P). This is a great way to begin the Lenten journey.

<u>People & Planet First –</u> <u>A Solidarity Calendar</u>

Every day of Lent, we are invited to be in solidarity with the whole People of God and the planet. Go to the solidarity calendar link from Development and Peace below – and use this daily interactive calendar to learn and to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. This is a valuable learning for all ages. devp.org/lent/resources

> Remember that you are dust and into dust you shall return.

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