

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

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, March 1</u> Daniel 9:3, 4b-10 Psalm 79:8-9,11, 13 Luke 6: 36-38 5:30 pm Fr. John Kiesling SA +

<u>Tuesday, March 2</u> Isaiah 1; 10,16-20, 27-28, 31 Psalm 50:8-9,16-17,21-23 Matthew 23:1-12 5:30 pm For our Seniors

Wednesday, March 3

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Psalm 31:4-5,13-15 Matthew 20:17-28 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

<u>Thursday, March 4</u> Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1:1-3,4,6 Luke 16:19-31 5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Friday, March 5 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Psalm 105:16-21 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 5:30 pm Int of Fr. Bob

<u>Saturday, March 6</u> *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Psalm 103;1-4,9-12 Luke 15:1-3,11-33* 5:30 pm The Parish Community

<u>Sunday, March 6</u> Exodus 20:1-3,7-8 12-17 Psalm 19:7-10 1 Corinth.1;18,22-25 John 2:13-25 10:00 am Leon & Maria Dacanay+





The Friar's Nook

I'm not sure what it was that reminded me of this but as we move through Lent, I was reminded of a confession of a schoolboy at a Catholic school. The class was all going to confession, so he had to go, but he wasn't quite sure what he was going to say or do. I always believe that the priest should be helpful in these matters especially with young ones, so I talked with him about what he was giving up for Lent. He thought about it and said after some time "Sin." Well, I had a hard time not laughing at the thought that he was giving up sin for Lent but come Easter he might be sinning like crazy now that Lent was over! I hope not.

But it does make me think of the things that we tend to give up for Lent. Things that we usually look forward to taking up again come Easter whether it be chocolate or something less important. But as adults we should look to lent as a time of self-reflection and practice giving up something that we want to get rid of in our lives. I don't think it's by chance that Lent falls in the same season that Spring cleaning does and as things start to come to life in Spring, we often think about clearing out the old and useless things that we hang onto. How useless is anger, or unforgiveness, or selfishness, or being judgemental! Hopefully not that we pick them up in full swing once Easter hits, but rather that we try extra hard during this time to rid ourselves of the things that keep us from being truly as God calls us to be - a people of love, trust, and understanding.

We can't do it all at once. Sometimes, it's hard just to deal with one aspect of our lives but now is the time to look at ourselves. I know it is hard to believe that we don't always see ourselves as we truly are, even when we look in a mirror. Many years ago, when I was director of formation at our seminary, I held a graduation party for one of our students. Some of the guys took pictures and when they came back from being developed parentheses remember those days) I saw a picture of myself. I commented that the sun must have played a trick on the camera because in the picture it looked like I had no hair! My confreres were quick to point out that in fact I had no hair. I swore to them that I did. So, I took the picture with me and went inside to look in the mirror and they held the picture up to the mirror and looked back and forth until I finally realized that the face in the mirror had no hair as well! I guess I saw what I wanted to see or what I was used to seeing. If that can happen the something that is significant is how we look, how easy is it for it to happen to ways we behave that perhaps don't show as readily. Maybe someday they'll make a camera that shows who we are inside but for now we need to turn our eyes inward and with God's help see the things they keep us from being the children of God that we are called to be.

This Lent try to locate and focus on just one thing. And then turn to God for His help in routing out that from your life. Trust me, God doesn't want it there because he wants us to be truly happy and we so often hold on to things that keep us unhappy. Let us try to lighten our load, not in a loss of pounds or kilograms but rather in the loss of the things that truly weigh us down, the things that we can hide from others, and even sometimes hide from ourselves. But we can never hide them from God who wishes to help us that we may follow Him and know the joy of His goodness in our lives as we seek to be Christ to one another and for the world.

Stay Safe! Fr Bob

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Gary Hartnett, Doreen Wright, Danie Olmedo and Frank Grech The Deceased; Mervis Wortynec and Buddy O'Hara

Please join us on our Facebook page

Sundays at 10:00 am The Sunday Liturgy is live streamed on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

Fr. Bob has a Bible Study hour on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

A Virtual Event hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Worldwide Marriage encounter experience is a skillbuilding, enrichment program where together, as husband and wife, you learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples o all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact Doug and Natalie 905 453 3879 or email <u>doug.natalie@bell.net</u> for more details.

Catholic Family Services Online Sessions

CFS of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. The single session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange a session, leave a message at 416 921 1163 or email info@cfstoronto.com

Yes Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids

Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a Kid friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life. You won't want to miss this brand-new series. Times: Fridays at 9:30 am, Saturdays 4:00 pm Sundays 7 am and 2:30 pm. On demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord

<u>The Toronto Catholic School Board District is recruiting for the</u> <u>following positions:</u>

Supply Education Assistant; Occasional Library Technician; Permanent Library Technician; Minimum of Grade 12 Or Ontario Equivalency. Minimum College level Diploma. Must have a 2 year Library Technician Diploma Proof of Education Credentials. Resume and cover letter. Pastoral Reference. Two work related reference letters from previous employers. Proof of educational credentials. Applications are to be submitted online to: <u>www.ApplyToEducaation.com</u>



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Development & Peace's theme for this Lent is Share Love. We return to Pope Francis' encyclical of Fratelli Tutti to seek understanding about our call in this time and place. "isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather it is in closeness: it is the culture of encounter. Isolation, no; encounter, yes" (31)"...deep conviction of our faith is the inalienable dignity of each person regardless of origin, race, or religion and the supreme law of fraternal love" (39) You may wish to get a copy of this enlightening encyclical Fratelli Tutti to expand your understanding of Pope Francis' call to fraternity of love throughout our world. We hope you are following the D&P Solidarity Calendar for Lent. Once again go to devp.org. click on Share Lent/Share Love, click on that and find the word resources. click on resources and scroll down to download Solidarity Calendar.



