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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Andrew O'Handley

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

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, Jan 17

1 Samuel 15:16-23 Psalm 50:8-9,16-17, 21,23 Mark 2:18-22

5:30 pm In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, January 18

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 89 19-21, 26-27 Mark 2:23-28

5:30 pm Daniel Olmedo +

Wednesday, January 19

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10 Mark 3:1-6

5:30 pm Everyone with Covid

Thursday, January 20

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Psalm 56: 1-2, 8-13 Mark 3:7-12

5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

Friday, January 21

1 Samuel 24:2-21 Psalm 57 1-3,5,10 Mark 3:13-19

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Saturday, January 22

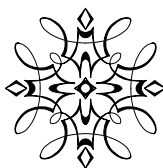
2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-2, 19, 23-27 Psalm 80:1-2,4-6 Mark 3: 20-21

5:30 pm Jose Olmedo Granada+

Sunday, January 23

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 19: 7-9, 14 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

10:00 am Joanne Daniel +



The Friar's Nook

The Christmas season is over, you probably can tell by looking around the church. I want to thank those who helped me decorate and help me put things away. It looks a little plainer in the church as we begin Ordinary Time.

It's also a bit plainer upstairs in the Friary. It's interesting, because when I was decorating and setting up the tree, Sonya simply laid in the hall and watched everything. But when I started taking the decorations down and taking the tree apart, she wasn't having it. She went outside and waited in the cold. Maybe she thought I was going to pack her up as well, stick her in a box and put her away! But I assured her that she's safe.

As we go back to Ordinary Time in the church, I'm reminded of one of my professors at seminary who said that "There is no such thing as Ordinary Time in the church because with God everything is extraordinary." And while there is no decoration per se for ordinary time the colour is green. The reason the church chooses green is that green is a sign of life and growth. Plants that are green are alive and growing, maybe that's why we don't have brown as a liturgical colour. The green is supposed to remind us that it is during this time that we are supposed to be growing in our faith. With the bitter cold weather, we've had this past week, it's hard to think of growing except in size when we put on all the layers of clothing to go outside. And this bit of Ordinary Time can slip away from us. Because of the cold and barrenness of winter and the coming of Lent, we sometimes forget about this part of the church year. That means we forget about trying to grow in the faith and continuing to show Christ's love that we celebrated at Christmas.

Maybe it's a good thing that there's not a lot of decoration during Ordinary Time. Because that makes you the decoration. I realize that a lot of you aren't coming to Mass because of the pandemic but that does not mean that you are not called to grow this season. In fact, I hope to encounter spiritual giants in the church when everyone can return! We often think that growing is what young people do we're too old as the expression goes "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". But that's not true for dogs and it's not true for us. Even in religious life, whenever we talked about doing something new or different it was always pushed off to the guys in formation. I would remind the congregation that the guys in formation already get this and it's the rest of us that need to do the growing! It wasn't usually received well, as growing means change, and nobody likes to change, hence the term "growing pains". But, as long as we live, we are called to grow and change. I remember talking to a man who was over 100 years old and wondered why he was still here. I reminded him that every morning he opened his eyes and took a breath was another chance to be about the goodness of God in our lives. I reminded him that, sure there are things he can't do at that great age, but there's always something he can do and to focus on. The older we get the more we focus on the things that we can't do or can't do well anymore. This time in the church year reminds us not to focus on the past but to look with hope to the future, asking God each day "What is it you ask of me today".

It is my hope that we grow as individuals and together as a parish during this time so that we can celebrate the goodness and work of God in our lives and our world.

*Keep on growing,
Fr. Bob*

Please Pray for:

The Sick:

The Deceased: John L. Kelly

Thank You for your Support!

As Vincentians, we would like to thank all the parishioners, who supported our Christmas appeal. With the support of the Parish Community and St. Vincent de Paul School's collection of Gift cards, we were able to help over 70 families have a little happier Christmas in 2021. We were able to give out \$4,275.00 in cards and vouchers. Thank you once again for supporting our Christmas appeal. Members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Joan of Arc Conference

Friars Student Writing Contest 2022

Continued from Last week's bulletin.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement-Graymoor, the Office for Promoting Christian Unity of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and The Catholic Register are proud to present the 2022 Friars' Student Writing Contest. *"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him."* – **Matthew 2:2**

Essay Question: Read Matthew 2:1-12, consult the resources for the Writing Contest 2022, and the programs of the Office for Christian Unity, and submit a 450-500-word essay that answers this question: How can unity among Christians help overcome the forces of darkness in the world and bring the nations to the light of Christ? What is being done by the Christians journeying and acting together in the name of Jesus? What more needs to be done? Discuss with examples from your personal experience and the life of the Church.

Prizes: 1st Place Prize: HP Pavilion 14 Touchscreen 2-in-1 Laptop; 2nd Place Prize: Samsung Galaxy Watch4 40mm Smartwatch; 3rd Place Prize: Apple Air Pods In-Ear Truly Wireless Headphones. Deadline for entries is Monday, February 14, 2022. Entries are to be submitted online by going to the Archdiocese website/ Friars Student writing Please copy-paste your essay into the provided field.

Prayer for our Clergy

O Sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Amen.

The 10 am Sunday Mass

Is live streamed on our Facebook page.

Bible Study

You can attend St. Joan of Arc's Bible study from the comfort of your own home. Fr. Bob invites you to join him, Wednesdays at 2:00 pm on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

2022 Sunday Missals

Sunday missals are available from the parish office for \$5.00 each.

Offertory Envelopes

If you did not collect your box for 2021, it is still here. We are asking you to please use them this year. So many of the envelopes were not used due to the lock downs. You just have to change the date on the flap. For anyone who did not collect their box, if your number was higher than 400, you more than likely, have a new lower number. If you run out of envelopes, you can use plain ones and print your information on them. (This saves the parish a considerable amount of money during Covid.)



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