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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 1003, 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 1007

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.dev.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 Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)
During 10:00 AM Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 9

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17
5:30 pm Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, January 10

Hebrews 2:5-12 Psalm 8:1-6, 8 Mark 1:21-28
5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

Wednesday January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18 Psalm 105:1-9 Mark 1:29-39
5:30 pm Gina Sylvester +

Thursday, January 12

Hebrews 3:7-14 Psalm 95: 6-11 Mark 1:40-45
5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Friday, January 13

Hebrews 4:1-5,11 Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8 Mark 2:1-12
5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Saturday, January 14

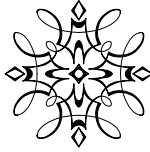
Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalm 19:7-9,14 Mark 2:13-17
5:30 pm Moira Casey +

Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 49:3,5-6 Psalm 40:1,3,6-9 1Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34
10:00 am The Parish Community



*The Epiphany of
Our Lord*



The Friar's Nook

(The office did not receive in time for the Christmas Bulletin. So here it is just a few weeks late.)

I'd like to share with you of little Christmas story, Sonya died of cancer this summer. In the fall I asked the students at Marrocco Merton high school, who were looking for her at Mass, if they would pray that God sends me the right dog for Christmas. I also had Mass for the first time with the students of Saint Luigi's school. They invited me over to do Mass and asked if I would bring my special dog that they had heard about. Sadly, I had to break it to them that she had passed away, but I asked them also to pray that God sends me the right dog for Christmas.

As you are aware, I've had a lot of traveling this fall for the Friars, but knew that would finish by Christmas time. Last month, I Googled "dogs available for adoption near me". As I was looking down the page I noticed a cute dog with a peculiar name – Kalamata! I clicked on her picture, the only dog I clicked on, and read that she was from Cairo, Egypt. That explained her name, but as I read further, I noticed something else. She was a stray and as a two-month-old puppy was hit by a bus. This crushed the toes on her front left paw, so they had to be amputated. As I read on, I saw that her leg was broken in two places and while they tried to heal her leg, she spent months in a kennel and wasn't healing so they had to amputate. At that point I looked up to heaven and asked God if this was a sign that she was the right dog since I wasn't looking for another three-legged dog!

It seems to me that this was a sign that she and I were supposed to get together. She has had her entire left leg removed so she's not a candidate for getting a prosthetic like Sonya was but since she was without a leg for most of her life she's adapted quite well. I'm not sure how well she will adapt to being the parish puppy but I'm willing to work with her. When I went to meet her, she was quite shy but when her foster mom called to her, she came running to me – twice! She said that was a good sign that I was the person for her.

She's only a little over a year old so she has a lot of energy. I will do my best to channel that energy into productive learning. (And maybe a little more exercise for me!)

As I said in the beginning, I will leave it up to you to decide whether this is a Christmas miracle or not. I wasn't visited by 3 ghosts, and I didn't change my feelings about Christmas, but I do believe in the power of prayer, and I trust that the high school and elementary school children praying for me was heard. I even asked Sonya that if this was the right dog that she help me out. The very next day I heard from the adoption agency that I had been waiting to hear from for weeks.

I look forward to introducing Kali (Kalamata is too formal) to the parish and I hope that she becomes an asset, keeping children's attention and drawing others to come to church.

*God's blessings,
Fr. Bob*

Please Pray for

The Sick:

The Deceased: Len Sylvester

Congratulations to the Students who were Confirmed in 2022.

Patricia Ayala, Mateo Caravaggio, Abigail Chandler, Caleb Costa, Dimitrius Dick, Niamh Doyle, Calvin Ferlejowski, Melissa Fernandez, Evan Gennaro, Emily Grace, Fiona Henderson, Bridget Hogan, Janusz Jazwinski, Connor Kassam, Ainsley Keating, Elizabelle Mansia, Evan Megarry, Cassandra Parsons, Josephine Pascetta, Zain Peskett, Augustine Skibe-Bissada, Emily Tome and Julia Tome.

Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023

Focus Question for the Writing contest. The message of Isaiah 1:12-18 calls for unity among Christians. How is this vision being lived today? What more needs to be done? Conclude with a short prayer that expresses your hope for the common witness of the disciples of Jesus in Canada. Read Isaiah 1:12-18 and consult resources for the writing contest at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5l>. Contestants must be 13-19 years of age and attending an Ontario Secondary school or equivalent programme. **Entries must be in by January 16, 2023.** See poster for more details.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2023

Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM -5:00 PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9). Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. FOR more details: Interreligious Department, Interreligious@archtoronto.org



10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our Facebook page.

This Week

Monday, January 9

The office will reopen after the Christmas break.

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm Creation Care

Future Dates to Remember

Saturday, January 21st

D & P and Creation Care Will present the film "The Letter" in the parish hall at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome

Saturday/Sunday January 21/22

D & P will have their monthly Fair Trade sale after the masses.



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