

St. Joan of Arc

Proclaiming and Living the Gospel through Stewardship. All are Welcome.

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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 8</u> 2 Kings 5:1-15 Psalm 42:1-1, 34:3-4 Luke 4:24-30 5:30 pm Benjamin Navarro +

<u>Tuesday, March 9</u> Daniel 3: 25, 34-43 Psalm 25:4-9 Matthew 18:21-35 5:30 pm Carmelo Galea +

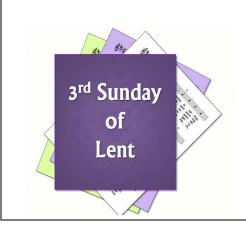
<u>Wednesday, March 10</u> Deut. 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147:12-13. 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5:17-19 5:30 pm Doris Murphy +

<u>Thursday, March 11</u> Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95 1-2, 6-9 Luke 11:14-23 5:30 pm Ed Benson +

Friday, March 12 Hosea 14:1-9 Psalm 81:5-10,13,16 Mark 12:28-34 5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

<u>Saturday, March 13</u> Hosea 5:15, 6:6 Psalm 51:1-2, 16-19 Luke 18:9-14 5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, March 14 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13 Psalm23 1-6, Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 10:00 am Mary Ellen O'Sullivan +





The Friar's Nook

This week I celebrated my second birthday in lock down. Let me tell you as an extrovert, it is not a good way to celebrate. I think next year, I might throw myself a big party. Not because I'm crossing any age threshold but so that I can be around people and enjoy their company! That is assuming that by next year at this time we'll be allowed to do that. But not to get on a case of the "poor me", after all it is Lent and as my mother would often say "offer it up" but this past year has been one of unexpected challenges to say the least.

Apart from the closing and then partial reopening and then closing again of the parish there have been challenges that have been met and surpassed by you! As I have mentioned during the first shutdown, I was busy cleaning the church thoroughly, making matching candle stands and a matching processional cross stand and a matching side table for the altar area. I also went through the things we had in storage and organized what I could and got rid of what I could. But you have also been busy, at least as busy as you could be given the pandemic. When we were permitted to be open, I had scores of volunteers helping us seat people safely in the church and sanitising the church thoroughly after each use. I had people who have created on their own a Children's Liturgy of the Word online for us so that families can still stay connected to their faith. The Stewardship committee, while unable to do many of the things they would have liked to because of COVID, have worked diligently on our new website. It should be easy to navigate, informational, and hopefully inspirational!

The Building Committee continues to meet and to keep us running as best we can with limited finances. You should notice some small but significant changes for the better when you return. The choir does it's magic to put together music each Sunday each from their own homes! I have been in online meetings every week for hours at a time. It's not easy, but with the help of my chiropractor to fix my neck and shoulders after staring at a screen for so long, it has enabled us to move forward. Not by leaps and bounds but at least in the right direction. One benefit of online meetings for me is that there is a name attached to a face so I'm getting to learn more names of the movers and shakers in the parish. I suppose I should thank God for the internet. At least we have a way to stay connected. Imagine if we didn't! We'd have to post information on the sign at church and maybe establish a phone tree – but it wouldn't be the same.

In the meantime, I have continued to hold Bible Study online on Wednesdays and by the end of the week I notice that between 100 and 200 people watch! Also, I put together a Stations of the Cross online for your personal prayer. I even know of one occasion where several people watched together (socially distanced of course). It is not a traditional Stations as you can find them all over the internet. but it is one that struck me, with reflections on each station by Pope Francis. If you can think of any other ways to connect, please let me know. I'm starting to think I may hug the lampposts outside just to have some physical contact! And as you know, I am struggling to juggle the technology each week to put Mass online. I need to setup the live stream, control the music, control the camera oh and also celebrate the Mass. I have a hard time asking for help, but if anyone might be interested in our new online ministry, I would greatly appreciate it! Meanwhile, I'll wait for my vaccine. (PS All the Friars in the States have had their shots.)

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Gary Hartnett, Doreen Wright, Daniel Olmedo, Frank Grech and Eugene Sziraky.

The Deceased: Mervis Wortynec and Buddy O'Hara

SHARE LOVE

Pope Francis in his encyclical Fratelli Tutti asks the reader to remember the parable of the Good Samaritan. He invites us to think about this parable and reimagine that core question for all Christians "who is my neighbour?" In our times "love you neighbour as yourself" becomes a "love that shatters the chains that keep us isolated and separate; in their place it builds bridges" 62 You are invited to go to the devp.org website and click on the Share Love picture to watch a oneminute video on how D&P is helping to build bridges with our neighbours around the world. These projects are helping people uncover and often recover their own worth and dignity.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

On Friday, March 26 (5:00pm - 9:00pm) until Saturday, March 27 (10:00am - 5:00pm), the Office of Vocations will be hosting the first virtual Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men, ages of 17+ and older. This event will include a special address from His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, seminarian stories, community prayer and breakout discussions.

On-line registration is required at https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

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

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

Program Objective: Online Bereavement Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psychoeducation, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior, to being considered for admittance into the program. Start date & time: Wed. March 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm Total cost: no charge Contact: For more information and to register please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 alimanni@cfstoronto.com

<u>Please join us on our Facebook</u> <u>page</u>

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. **For Lent.** Fr. Bob has also added the Stations of the Cross on our Facebook page.

C. F. S. 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 <u>info@cfstoronto.com</u>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

When making a donation to the SVDP, please make your cheques payable to: **St. Vincent de Paul** We issue our own tax receipts and our bank account is separate from the parish. This makes the bookkeeping simple. Not complicating the parish reports to the Archdiocese.

Jesus chases the Sellers and Money changers out of the temple!



