

# St. Joan of Arc

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# Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

**Eucharistic Ministers** Andrew O'Handley

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

Monday, November 2 5:30 pm All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3 Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 22:25-31 Luke 14:15-24 5:30 pm All Souls Novena

<u>Wednesday, November 4</u> *Philippians 2:12-18 Psalm* 27:1,4, 13-14 Luke 14:25-33 5:30 pm All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5 Philippians 3:3-8 Psalm 105:2-7 Luke 15:1-10 5:30 pm All Souls Novena

Friday, November 6 Philippians 3:17-21,4:1 Psalm 122 1-5 Luke 16:1-8 5:30 pm All Souls Novena

<u>Saturday, November 7</u> *Philippians 4:10-19 Psalm 112:1- 2,5-6,8-9 Luke 16:9-15* 5:30 pm All Souls Novena

Sunday November 8 Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63:1-7 Matthew 25:1-13 5:30 pm All Souls Novena



Did you remember to turn back your clocks?



Friar's Nook

Boo! Hope you had a good Halloween; candy can always cheer us up. One time someone gave me three cases of Tootsie-Pops. At the time, I did Mass for the local Navy base and the congregation consisted largely of Cadets. They were not allowed sweets while they were in training, but I used the religious loophole and distributed them after Mass. It was funny to see all these young men and women approach me like zombies to get candy. It was their first Halloween away from home and it made them happy and perhaps miss home just a little less.

Would that Tootsie-Pops could do that for us all now! As much as I like them (especially the orange ones) I received more enjoyment giving them away. I guess St. Francis knew what he was talking about when he said that "It is in giving, that we receive."

Pope Francis (who took his name after St. Francis of Assisi) puts it in a new context. "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit: the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is ... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."

What a great understanding of creation, of which we are a part! God who created nature has made it so that we are to give to others to live. It seems that people are the only ones who can deny their very nature and actually work against it. We can hoard, pollute, be selfish, etc. Rivers do not stop flowing in their own. Trees do not stop bearing fruit on their own. The sun does not refuse to shine. Flowers continue to spread their fragrance though they don't have noses. Remember in Genesis that we are the crown of creation with the power to further creation and participate in it. And yet we let fear and selfishness interfere and even inhibit our place in creation.

God has created us to spread joy! It's not that difficult to do and everyone of every age can do it. I had a friend who was over onehundred years old and home-bound and he asked what he could do in his condition. I reminded him that he already was doing it. His caregivers were happy, and he wasn't gruff or demanding. He would joke with them and they said he was a delight. I told him not to change (and if he did, he'd have to answer to me) and continue to spread joy.

Making the world a better place and making people happy is not an add-on in live. It is and should be our reason for being. It is why God made us. I had a classmate in seminary who once said that he believed that if he was nasty to people and hard to live with that it didn't matter, as long as he was faithful he felt God would reward him in heaven. I told him that, although I don't advocate reincarnation, I think that God would say "You got it all wrong, go back and try again!" that misery loves company.

God doesn't want us to be miserable or to make others miserable. He wants us to be happy by making others happy. They say that misery loves company. That's because people who are miserable spread it around. But joy also loves company! Think about the people in your life that are filled with joy. It overflows and spreads to those around them. Choose to be on of those people and share the joy God has for each of us.

I'll keep on trying to be joyful (if not just a little goofy), Fr. Bob

**Please Pray for:** 

The Sick: The Deceased: Emil Zawerbny and Pat O'Conner

#### ShareLife Sunday- Next Sunday November 8

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why ShareLife-funded agencies have been providing phone and video counselling during the pandemic, so clients don't have to wait until walk-in counselling resumes. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay. "The term 'mental health tsunami' refers to the increasing mental health issues that have and will continue to emerge due to Covid-19," says Brenda Spitzer, Executive Director of Catholic Family of Services of Toronto. Thanks to your support of ShareLife, agencies like CFS Toronto can continue to meet these growing needs. From now through November 8, you can double the impact of your donation. A generous donor is matching gifts up to \$500,000

#### <u>All Souls Novena</u>

Once again, we will have our All Souls Novena, November 2nd to the 9th. If you would like to have a name included in our book, you may print name / names on a plain envelope and enclose \$5.00 per name. It can be put in with the collection or mailed into the office. The Book will be place at the foot of the Altar as it has been in the past.

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Joan of Arc Conference

We will be holding a Bundle Weekend November 14 /15,2020. The truck will be in the parking lot to accept your gently used items. We do not accept appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes. See poster at entrance of the church.

#### **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertising for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin December 2020 supporting our bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



### Future Dates to Remember

November 7 -8 ShareLife Collection November 14 -15 Shepherd's Trust Collection SVDP Bundle Weekend

#### Prayers for All Souls Day

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them. .R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them. R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them. R. Have mercy on them, O Lord

#### A Reminder from the Office.

When the office receives two or more envelopes from a parishioner they are added up and entered as one entry. Please use one envelope, the extras can be thrown away!

> All Souls Day November 2



