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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Genia Vanderkruk
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Michael Thibodeau

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Closed Wednesday mornings

Wednesday afternoons
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

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 Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months
St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20

5:30 pm Ivan Orbani +

1 Ma 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64

Ps 119:53+61, Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21

5:30 pm Int. of parish staff

2 Ma 6:18-31 Ps 3: 1-6 Lk 19: 1-10

Wednesday, November 22

5:30 pm Parish Community

2 Ma 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6,

8b+15 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 23

5:30 pm The sick of the parish

1 Ma 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15

Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 24

5:30 pm Deceased of the parish

1 Ma 4:36-37, 52-59

1Ch 29:10 Lk 19: 45-48

Saturday, November 25

5:30 pm Antonio Guillermo +

1 Ma 6: 1-13 Ps 9:1-2, 3+5, 16+18

Lk 20: 27-40

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King

10 am Marian Lechziolowski &

Yolanta Sakowski

12 pm Souls in Purgatory

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-

4, 5, 6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Matt

25:31-46

*The Friar's Nook*

REFLECTIONS FROM DEACON ALEXANDER

Perhaps all the invitations Jesus gave us can be summed up in one word: surrender. We need to surrender to love. But why is it difficult? Shouldn't it be the most natural thing in the world? Isn't our deepest desire a longing to find love and surrender to it? True, our deepest desire is to surrender to love, but deep down we have some innate resistance to surrendering. Here are a couple of examples:

In the Last Supper of the Gospel of John, when Jesus tries to wash Peter's feet, he encounters firm resistance from him: No way! I will never let you wash my feet! What is ironic here is that perhaps more than anything else, Peter longed for precisely that kind of intimacy with Jesus. Still, when he offers it to him, he resists.

Another example could be seen in the struggles of Henri Nouwen, one of the most gifted spiritual writers of our generation, he enjoyed immense popularity. He has published more than 50 books. He was a highly sought-after professor (tenured at Harvard and Yale), received daily invitations to give talks and conferences around the world, and had many close friends. And yet, in that popularity and adulation, surrounded by many friends who loved him, he was unable to allow that love to give him any real sense of being loved or worthy of love. Instead, for most of his life, he trudged along within a deep anxiety that led him to believe that he was unworthy of love. At one time, this even led to clinical depression. And so, for almost his entire adult life, surrounded by so much love, he was obsessed with the feeling that he was neither loved nor worthy of being loved. What was it that kept him? One morning, waiting along the highway at a bus stop, he was hit by the rearview mirror of a passing truck. Urgently transferred to a hospital, for a few hours he was struggling between life and death. While he was in that situation, he had a very profound experience of God's love for him. He fully recovered consciousness and normal life as a deeply renewed man. Now, once he experienced God's love for him, he was finally able to surrender to human love in a way that he had been unable to do before his near-death experience. All his subsequent books are marked by this conversion in love. Why do we wage war on love? Why don't we give up more easily?

The reasons are unique to each of us. Sometimes, like Jacob in the Bible, we are unconsciously fighting against God (who is Love) and, consequently, we are unconsciously waging war on love. In the biblical story where Jacob wrestles all night with a man, he has no idea that he is wrestling with God and with love. In his mind, he is fighting an adversary whom he needs to conquer. Finally, as the darkness of the night gives way to more light, he sees what he is struggling with, and it comes as a surprise and a shock to him. He realizes that he is waging war on love itself. Seeing it, he ceases to struggle and, instead, he clings to the same strength with which he had previously been

with the plea: "I will not let you go until you bless me!" This is the final lesson we need to learn in love: We fight for love with every talent, trick, and strength in us. Finally, if we are lucky, we have an awakening. Some light, often a paralyzing defeat, causes us to see the true face of what we have been waging war on, and we see that it is not something to be conquered, but the very love to which we have been longing to surrender. This is the love of our God. And this is surrender, not resignation: something we surrender to, rather than something that defeats us.

+ **Brother Alex**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Michelle Rodrigues, Rose Menecola and all the deceased of the parish.

Pope Francis appeals for a change in direction at UN climate summit In his apostolic exhortation Laudate Deum (Praise God) addressed "To all People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis", Pope Francis appeals for a change in direction at the upcoming U.N. climate summit (COP28), to be held in Dubai from Nov. 30 – Dec. 12. He is about to become the first pope to attend a U.N. climate summit and will travel to the United Arab Emirates from December 1 – 3, where he will deliver a speech to world leaders at COP28. Visit Creation Care Ministry's website at www.bit.ly/sjaccm

Winter Welcome Table

The Winter Welcome Table is an outreach to the 'needy, marginalized and homeless' in the centre-west of our city. St Joan of Arc joins with St Peter's as hosts. Parishioners and others serve hot meals on Monday evenings, from November through March. We are currently looking for volunteers who would like to help in the food preparations, serving and/or clean up. If you are interested to be one of our volunteers, please contact MJ at the office (extension 1005 or mj@joanofarc.ca).

Christmas Fundraiser Dinner: December 3

Please join us as the parish community comes together for a Christmas dinner on December 3 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are sold after each mass during the weekend until November 26th (limited tickets). Thank you for your support!

SAINTLY WISDOM

"It is not earthly riches that makes us happy. But it is God who makes us happy, who is the true riches of our minds." - Saint Augustine

10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our website

This Week

Thursday, November 23

7:30 RCIA

Saturday, November 25

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

November 25 & 26

D & P Fair Trade Sale

Future Dates to Remember

November 27

CWL General Meeting

December 3

6pm Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

December 7

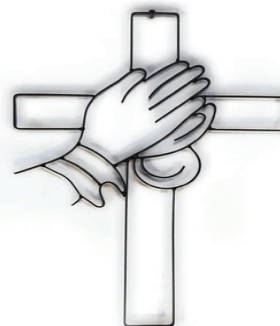
6:30 pm Young Adults Night

SVDP Christmas Collection

Envelopes can be found at the back of the church

Sunday Missals

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