

# St. Joan of Arc

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

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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

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**

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, November 22</u> Daniel 1:1-6,8-20 Daniel 3:52-56 Luke 21: 1-4 5:30 pm Eugene Sziraky +

<u>Tuesday, November 23</u> Daniel 2.3, 9,10,27,31-45 Daniel 3: 57-61 Luke 21: 5-11 5:30 pm Sabrina Araya Gaute +

#### Wednesday, November 24

*Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14,16-17,23-28 Daniel 3:52-67 Luke 21:12-19* 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

<u>Thursday, November 25</u> Daniel 6: 11-28 Daniel 3:68-74 Luke 21:20-28 5:30 pm For our Indigenous People

Friday, November 26 Daniel 7:1-14 Daniel 3:75-81 Luke 21:29-33 5:30 pm The Parish Community

Saturday, November 27 Daniel 7:15-27 Daniel 3:82-87 Luke 21:34-36 5:30 pm Betty Saundercook+

<u>Sunday November 28</u> Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36





# The Friar's Nook

Anyone who has been outside at all has begun to see and hear the creeping in of Christmas. The stores have been selling lights and decorations, the city has been putting up their lights, and on the radio, there are stations playing Christmas music 24 hours a day! When I was growing up, Christmas decorating didn't start until after American Thanksgiving [at the end of November] and I don't know any radio stations that played Christmas music until perhaps Christmas eve.

Now we might think that this is a good thing because it promotes a Christian celebration. But the world is not about promoting Christ but rather about making money. In the States, they talk about "the war on Christmas" and yet it seems to be celebrated earlier and earlier. I think that there may be a "war on Christmas" but the weapons are used to dilute the true meaning of Christmas! As Catholics, we haven't even begun the season of Advent yet, much less Christmas.

I'm not being a Grinch. As a child I would nag my parents to get a tree as soon as they were available [to no avail] and I got more and more excited as the days pressed on. I still do. And I know that people like to stretch the season because of the challenging things of life, one of my nieces would leave decorations up year-round if her husband would tolerate it. I blame artificial trees; my parents wouldn't get our tree until they knew it would last through the season. They threatened that if it died before Christmas then Santa wouldn't come to our house. It kept me from complaining.

The difficulty I see with starting the season too early is that I hear from people as Christmas approaches say, "I can't wait until Christmas is over." We need to remember the words of Ebenezer Scrooge at the end of A Christmas Carol: "I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year." We can't celebrate all year long but the love that comes at Christmas is called to be in our hearts and in our lives all year long. That seems to be tougher but talk to those who are tired of celebrations before Christmas, and they will tell you how hard it is to celebrate constantly. Remember that celebrations are about us, but Christmas is about our love for others.

All that being said, we are approaching the season of Advent in the church. You will see changes in the look of things here, the sound of things in music and in the scriptures, and hopefully in the feel of things. It is a time to quiet down internally so that we will be ready to celebrate when Christmas comes. Advent is a twofold time of preparation the first is for the second coming of Christ at the end of time [which we don't care to think about] then the second is about the proximate preparation for Christmas – the incarnation of God as one of us! I invite you to not jump to Christmas too soon. Pay attention to the Advent season that you might hear things anew and truly be prepared to celebrate Christmas in all its fullness.

Amidst all the feasting and celebrating and partying try to remember that Christ comes for us, that we might live for others. Be mindful of the needs of those around you, be still to hear what the Word of God is calling you to and begin to prepare yourself for His coming by showing love, joy, and peace.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, Fr. Bob

#### Please Pray for:

**The Sick:** Mary de Lac **The Deceased:** Joseph Darmody and Richard Pakula

#### **RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (through adult baptism or entering full communion in the Catholic Church) or just interested in Learning more about Catholicism, please contact the parish office.

#### SVDP Bundle Weekend

This weekend, the SVDP of St. Joan of Arc are holding their Fall Bundle Weekend. We will accept your gently used clothing and household items. See signs in the vestibule and hallway outside the office area for more details. The truck will be open from 9am to 6:00 pm each day.

2) Our conference has had a request for a Microwave, if you have one you would like to donate, please leave a message at ext. 232 and we will get back to you. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **Development and Peace**

This weekend is our last signing of the D&P petition after church in the office foyer using the door at the back of the church. This petition is asking our government to compel Canadian companies to act responsibly in their overseas operations - to put People & Planet First.

#### Aid to Women Online Christmas Toy Auction

Get a head start on Christmas shopping and help Aid to Women provide much needed support to mothers in crisis and their babies. From November 19-21, bid online on a collection of wonderful brandnew toys straight from the manufacturer ... Fisher Price, Mattel, Hasbro and more! http://www.charityauction.bid/toysll proceeds support Aid to Women in providing material and financial support to mothers in need and their babies. Please help Aid to Women save these precious children and keep moms cared for. You can make a difference

# Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### SUNDAY 10 LITURGY

Fr. Bob live stream's mass on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Since so few boxes for 2021 were collected from the parish hall, we are not getting boxes for 2022. You may use your 2021 envelopes use plain envelopes with your number and name written on them for the weeks you don't have one. This will save the parish money. If you did not collect your 2021 box, it is still in the parish hall. You can still collect them and start using them now and next year. If you didn't have a box, you can request one from the office.

#### \*Important Message\*

If you are using offertory **box #408**, please print your name on the envelope.

#### Future Dates to Remember

November 20-21 SVDP Bundle Weekend November 27 2:00 pm First Reconciliation for the Religious Ed Students December 4-5 SVDP Christmas Monetary Collection

#### 2021-2022 Sunday Missals

Are now available from the parish office \$5.00 each.



