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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

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

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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

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

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 29

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122:1-4, 7-10

Matthew 8:5-11, 13

5:30 pm Emmita Laudete +

Tuesday, November 30

Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:1-4

Matthew 4:18-22

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Wednesday, December 1

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23:1-6

Matthew 15:29-37

5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Thursday, December 2

Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118, 1, 8-9,

19-21, 25-27 Matthew 7:21, 24-27

5:30 pm Deceased of the Parish

Friday, December 3

Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1,4,13-

14 Matthew 9:27-31

5:30 pm Marie Salnek +

Saturday, December 4

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 Psalm

147: 1-6 Matthew 9:35; 10:1,5-8

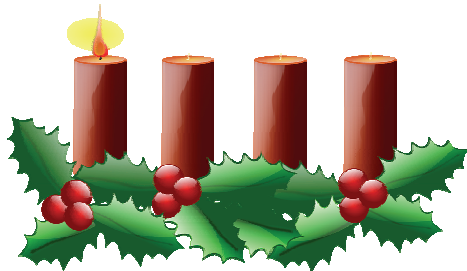
5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, December 5

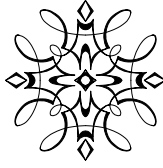
Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126: 1-6

Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6

10:00 am Marita Bascos +



First Sunday of Advent



The Friar's Nook

It's Advent time in the city! You'll notice the church looking different as we move into the darkness of the year with shorter days and longer nights. In fact, the whole placement of the Christmas celebration was based on this. Into the darkness of this world the light of Christ enters, and the days grow longer as the light overcomes the darkness. I know I hate the shorter days and the early darkness, but I also know this will change. It does us well to remember that these things change otherwise, we can look forward in our lives in the midst of darkness and see nothing ahead. But we know as Christians that there is great light ahead as John wrote in his gospel "Light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it". Is this even something to be said for the darkness. Because of the cold we huddle together more, gather around warm fires, and perhaps even reminisce about years gone by. Not to mention the amounts of food we consume (to keep us warm).

During Advent, we even welcome and celebrate the darkness because it is a preparation the eternal light to come in Christmas. This is the beginning of the church year and hopefully the end of the last year. I know we were waiting for 2020 to be over but who knew we'd be waiting for 2021 to end! I am hoping with you for an end to the COVID restrictions in the coming year. I am thrilled that I can now process out after Mass and talk (and elbow bump) to parishioners. It has been great to welcome new parishioners even during these restricted times. I am almost embarrassed by the wonderful things they say about coming here to Mass. Can you imagine how much more they will like when we are fully open and operational!

Speaking of up and operational, I got my third COVID shot last week. So, I have two AstraZeneca and now one Pfizer, so at least I have one recognized in the States. I'll be glad to be able to travel back and forth to Graymoor for meetings without having my nose violated each way. I had no reaction to the AstraZeneca vaccinations but after the Pfizer I felt like I had been hit with a bunch of baseball bats. But that has passed and I'm fine. I was talking to my 85-year-old aunt this past week and she was wondering why people who were waiting to get the vaccine haven't got it yet. It's been out for over a year, and no one has grown two heads! I told her that we are having the same problems here as they are in the States. At least her whole family has been vaccinated, so she won't have to spend Christmas alone. Although after being with her seventeen great-grand children she might want some alone time. Given that I have had baptisms almost every Saturday I guess there have been a lot of people taking advantage of the COVID lockdown!

As I mentioned, I have been able to travel to Graymoor for General Council meetings and it has been great for me. Since I am now the only friar in Canada, it's nice to spend some time with my fellow friars face-to-face. When the restrictions are lifted, I look forward to spending time with you face-to-face as well. I do hope to be able to visit your homes and celebrate parties again. (As long as I can bring a doggie bag home for Sonya.) Speaking of her, she is becoming more and more at ease with the congregation, and I have been bringing her around kids at baptisms and religious education. Both she and they love it. She is coming along slowly with her prosthetic leg. She needs to rebuild the muscles around it and since I can't send her to the gym, it's taking some time. I want to thank you for all the love and support you have shown her. She has had a rough life up until now and you are helping to provide her with a happily-ever-after!

Keep shining your light!

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.

People & Planet First

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization in signing the petition to ask our government to compel Canadian companies to act responsibly in their overseas operations. Thank you for putting People & Planet First. If you did not get a chance to sign yet, you can do so at devp.org

Masses

Fr. Bob is still looking for volunteers, so he can have another mass. This is our parish and if we are not willing to step up and help another mass can not be added to the weekend schedule. He can only do so much the parish community has to step up and help get our parish up and running like before Covid. Many hands can accomplish much! Contact the office and leave your name and number and we will contact you.

St. Vincent de Paul Needs your Help!

Next week, we will have our Christmas Hamper Collection. You may use the SVDP envelopes or plain white envelopes marked SVDP Christmas Help. We will struggle this year, since we only have two masses and unable to have a toy drive due to Covid 19. We are restricted to what we can give out. For our safety and that of our clients we can only give out food vouchers and gift cards. We appreciate any form of help that you can give. This is not restricted to one week and tax receipts will be issued. Once again, we Thank You for your support, so we can continue to help the less fortunate.



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.

Future Dates to Remember

December 4-5 SVDP Christmas Monetary Collection

2021-2022 Sunday Missals

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

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

Our members thank you for your continued support of our Bundle Weekends. We had a successful collection as we filled the truck! Thank you for supporting all our endeavours.

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