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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 30

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

Matthew 4:18-22

5:30 pm Int. of Leonie Fiscus

Tuesday, December 1

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72 1-2,7-8,

12-13,17 Luke 10:21-24

5:30 pm Maura Reynolds +

Wednesday, December 2

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 21:1-6

Matthew 15:29-37

5:30 pm Mary & Thomas Blok+

Thursday, December 3

Isaiah 26:11-6 Psalm 23:1-6

Matthew 15:29-37

5:30 pm Veronica & John Blok+

Friday, December 4

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

14 Matthew 9:27-31

5:30 pm Walter Shimchuck

Saturday, December 5

Revelation 22:1-7 Psalm 95:1-7

Luke 21:34-36

5:30 pm Mary Davis

Sunday, December 6

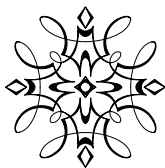
Isaiah 40 1-5,9-11 Psalm 85 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

10:00 am Int. of Galea Family



First Sunday of Advent



The Friar's Nook

Since last week's bulletin, the information I provided is already out of date. As you know, the province closed down the churches. Technically we are allowed ten people in the church for service, but that doesn't help us much with our Masses. So it looks like we begin the season of Advent at home.

Advent is a season of preparation, so perhaps preparing at home is a good idea. But so often we think of Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas when in fact that's only half of Advent. The other half is preparing for the second coming of Christ. We don't focus on that aspect all that much maybe because we don't want to think about the end of time! [Or perhaps there aren't many decorations available for the second coming!] But I say this so that we keep in mind both aspects of advent namely Christ has come and Christ will come again! It does little use for us for Christ to have come in time and then leave us if we don't expect that he'll return as he promised. Jesus frequently reminded us disciples to be prepared, be ready for his coming because we don't know the day or the hour when He will return in glory.

I already see Christmas lights up around the city, and we are pushed to think of Christmas. This year will be very different for most of us. Gatherings won't be happening, or if they are it will be under cover. So now is probably a good time to prepare ourselves for this. For American Thanksgiving this past week, knowing I was going to be alone I made plans to connect with my family on Zoom©. I also made a turkey dinner because I love it. Good thing too because I have a lot of leftovers! So begin to prepare now for the changes this season will bring and it won't catch you off-guard.

As to the second nature of Advent, preparing for the second coming, that's something we have more difficulty preparing for and yet it just as important. Christ reminds us to be ready, to do the good we can do today, to follow his example of showing the love of God to others so that we are ready for Christ when he comes in his glory and we are welcomed by him. I challenge you, but every time you ask yourself "Am I ready for Christmas?" think "Am I ready for Christ." The stress of this pandemic along with the stresses of the season in general can cause a downward spiral leading us to think "I can't wait for Christmas to be over." If that's how we're thinking, we need to rethink our attitude and our preparation to look forward to the coming and not the ending.

Since we are in a strange period in history, maybe now is a good time to reflect on the more important things in our lives. Life is not all about us it's about the impact that we have on others. It's too easy to get into a pity party and think about all the things that we can't do right now. Even shopping for Christmas will be hard! So let's make this Advent the beginning of a new way of looking at our lives and our world. Let us look through the eyes of the Lord who never was concerned for Himself but always cared for others.

Following Christ more closely in this Advent season will assure that we are ready and prepared for Him when He returns for us!

Stay safe and look for God's blessings, Fr Bob

Please Pray for:

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The Sick: Virginia Kiflit and Maria Soreca

The Deceased: Pat O'Conner and Beverly Brownell

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MASSES

Fr. Bob and Fr. Ken are allowed to privately say mass during the pandemic, so if you have a mass booked, be assured that it will be said on the day it is booked

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL ST. JOAN OF ARC CONFERENCE

We are approaching the time of year where we should be having our St. Nichola Day Celebrations. When the parish generously supports our Christmas hampers by donating toys to Santa. Due to Covid-19, everything has changed! We will not be distributing toys this year, only Food Vouchers and any Gift Cards that you may donate.

Unfortunately, with the lock down we will not be able to have our collection in church. We hope that your will not forget us and mail in your donations for our Annual Christmas Appeal. Cheques can be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joan of Arc Conference We need your support more than ever this year. As you can imagine with only limited masses our donations are way down. We are continuing to help our neighbours in need, so they won't go hungry.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippines is struggling through one of the worst typhoon seasons in decades after six significant storms made landfall on the Southeast Asian nation in just three weeks. The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting humanitarian relief donations to help those affected by these devastating disasters. Most recently, Typhoon Vamco (known locally as Ulysses) struck the Philippines on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, killing 67 people and displacing about 325,000 others from their homes. This was just 10 days after Super Typhoon Goni (known locally as Rolly), one of the strongest typhoons ever recorded, damaged almost 25,000 homes in the Philippines. The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to help the people of the Philippines. Caritas is working to provide essential emergency needs for 9,750 people affected by the typhoons in provinces of Catanduanes and Albay, Philippines. At this time, we ask the faithful to please donate to the Philippines relief effort, if they are able. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: • Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (click on the "Donate Now" button at the top of the page) www.archtoronto.org • By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411 • Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Philippines Relief Effort – Disaster Relief on the memo line.

COVID-19 RECOVERING TOGETHER

COVID-19 RECOVERING TOGETHER: IS THE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA FALL 2020 CAMPAIGN. THIS PANDEMIC HAS REVEALED THE EXTENT TO WHICH OUR WORLD IS INTERCONNECTED. OUR WORLD WILL NOT BE SAFE UNTIL EVERYONE IS SAFE.

OFFICE

During the Pandemic we are allowing masses to be booked over the phone and payment mailed into the parish.

The Xaviere Sisters Community is saying Good-Bye and Thank You to all the parishioners of St Joan of Arc. After 10 years in the neighborhood, they had to move in September after their house was sold by their landlord. They are now in North York near St. Gabriel's Parish. Sr. Blandine still lives in the High Park area and Sr. Claire will continue to play the violin for the 10 am mass music recordings, and they will continue to pray for all of us. So we came back last Sunday, Nov. 22, at the 10 am mass to say goodbye to all of you. Many thanks to the Friars of the Atonement, who foster such a great spirit of stewardship in the parish. Many thanks to you all and God bless!

If you wish to stay in touch, here is our website:

<http://www.xavierestoronto.org>



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