St. Joan of Arc Parish

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

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As the leaves turn gold and yellow... The air turns crisp... Thanksgiving comes, a time to remember... Our blessings and make good cheer with all those who are so dear. Wishing you a Thanksgiving as special as you are.



Mass Intentions

<u>Monday, October 10</u> Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31;5:1 Psalm 113 1-7 Luke 11:29-32 No Mass

<u>Tuesday, October 11</u> Galatians 5:1-6 Psalm 119:41,43-45,47-48 Luke 11:37-41 5:30 pm Olga Tchernow +

Wednesday, October 12 Galatians 5:18-25 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 11:42-47 5:30 pm The Parish Community

<u>Thursday, October 13</u> *Ephesians 1:1-10 Psalm 98:1-6 Luke 11:47-54* 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Friday, October 14 *Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33:1-5, 12-13 Luke 12:1-7* 5:30 pm Safe travels for Fr. Bob

<u>Saturday, October 15</u> *Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 8:1-6 Luke 12:8-12* 5:30 pm Arthur Giardetti +

Sunday, October 16 Exodus 17: 8-13 Psalm 121:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14; 4:2 Luke 18:1-8 10:00 am The Parish Community





The Friar's Nook

After the homily at Mass, we begin a transition. We begin with the profession of faith - the Creed. You may have noticed that during lent those in the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA] are dismissed at this point. This is because they have not professed the Creed with us formally and have not yet become one with the Catholic Church. Historically the liturgy of the word was open to anyone the faithful and perhaps and potential converts as well but the liturgy of the Eucharist it's reserved exclusively for those fully received enter the church.

What follows is typically called the general intercessions or the prayers of the faithful but is formally called the universal prayers. They are "universal" because they are for the whole church and the world. This is not a time for particular personal prayers. To be prepared to celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist this should remind us that we are a universal church and not just simply a local congregation.

Although this is not technically part of Sunday Eucharist, the collection usually takes place after this. The collection, occurring at this time, should remind us that what we give, we give to the church universal

At this point we move into the second part of the Mass – the liturgy of the Eucharist. We begin by setting the altar. The paten or plate with the bread is placed on it. The chalice or cup is placed is placed then the water and wine are brought up. Initially, water was added to the wine because in ancient times, especially in desert area, wine was more concentrated, and the water was added to make it more palatable. Also, the alcohol in the wine would purify the water making it safer to drink. Eventually this was overlaid with spiritual meaning regarding the divine and human natures of Christ.

Then the priest washes his hands. Remember that this was after the offertory and quite often what was offered was fruits, vegetables, grain, and livestock. The priest, after receiving these gifts would wash his hands so that they were clean for the rites he was about to perform. In time this too was overlaid with religious meanings. At some point people believed that it was symbolic of Pontius Pilot washing his hands of his involvement in the death of Jesus! It is not. It has been retained as a reminder to ask God to cleanse us in preparation for communion. In the Eucharistic prayer we participate with the priest who is presiding over the Mass. He is not the celebrant as we are all celebrating the Mass, but rather he presides over the celebration.

Peace, love and joy! Fr. Bob

Please pray for:

The Sick: Celeste Cignarella, Evan Bolotta and Nicola Bianchi **The Deceased:** Brenda Granahan, Terri Daurio and Joan Miller

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Arturo is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 am to 1:00 pm. He can be reached at Ext 1003. Also, he will be available in the Church on Sundays after the 10 am mass. In order to register your child for the program, you must submit their baptismal certificate and the fee with the form. They are not accepted on-line. Registrations will be accepted in the parish hall October 16 after the 10 am mass.

ST. JOAN OF ARC PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you have yarn hidden away? Left over yarn from projects you have completed? The prayer shawl ministry needs the yarn to make prayer shawls. If you can help build up their supply of yarn, please drop it off at the Parish or Religious Ed office. Any donations would be very much appreciated!

Stewardship Weekend November 5th / 6th

Each week, we will have a speaker telling us about different ministry groups in our parish. A limited number of brochures have been printed and are available at the entrance of the church. Each week an additional brochure will be added to the display cases at the entrance of the church for you to take. There are so many great opportunities to serve within our parish community. No experience required. Training will be provided.

Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023

Focus Question for the Writing contest. The message of Isaiah 1:12-18 calls for unity among Christians. How is this vision being lived today? What more needs to be done? Conclude with a short prayer that expresses your hope for the common witness of the disciples of Jesus in Canada. Read Isaiah 1:12-18 and consult resources for the writing contest at https://bit.ly/3AgBy51 Contestants must be 13-19 years of age and attending an Ontario Secondary school or equivalent programme. See poster for more details.

Dress Code

Participants in ministry are asked to dress appropriately when they are schedule for a mass. Especially the 10 am Mass which is live streamed. Jeans were band a long time ago. Remember you are here to serve God and God's people. Please dress respectfully. The office has received comments from parishioners who are disappointed in the appearance our participants.



10:00 am Sunday Liturgy

We continue to live stream the 10 am Mass on our Facebook page.

Holiday Monday, October 10

There will not be a mass

Healing and Reconciliation Collection

We continue to support the Collection for the Healing and Reconciliation Fund. Envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church The fund provides support to both local and national initiatives that will assist in the journey of Healing, Reconciliation and Hope. Funds are approved by a Board of Indigenous partners. Be sure to print your envelope number on the envelope.

Pakistan Relief

Pakistan has experienced three times more rainfall than an average monsoon season. Flooding and landslides have destroyed homes, crops, health centres, roads and bridges. There, is an elevated risk of the spread of malaria, dengue fever and other diseases. Priorities include clean water. shelter and health care for those directly affected by this tragic situation. The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway. Please note that these organizations are not subject to the government matching funds program.



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