

St. Joan of Arc

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

1701 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON M6P 1B1

www.joanofarc.ca email: parish@joanofarc.ca Phone 416.762.1026 416.604.3420

Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Langone, SA Pastor (ext. 226) frbob@joanofarc.ca

Mrs. Rosanne Kelly Pastoral Assistant (ext. 221) parish@joanofarc.ca

Ms. Anne Francis Accounting Office (ext. 223) finance@joanofarc.ca

Mrs. Catherine Richardson **Religious Education** Contact (ext 222) religioused@joanofarc.ca

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

Monday, September 13 1Timothy 2:1-7 Psalm 28: 2:7-9 Luke 7: 1-10 5:30 pm Int. of John & Rosanne

<u>Tuesday, September 14</u> *Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 78:1-2 34-38 John 3:13-17* 5:30 pm Marina Fijalkowski +

Wednesday, September 15

Hebrews 5:7-9 Psalm 31 1-5,14-15, 19 Luke 2:33-35 5:30 pm Amyl Zawerbny +

<u>Thursday September 16</u> *1 Timothy 4:12-16 Psalm 111:7 - 10 Luke 2:33-35* 5:30 pm Eugene Sziarky+

Friday, September 17 *1 Timothy 6:2-12 Psalm 49:5-9,16-19 Luke 8: 1-3* 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

<u>Saturday, September 18</u> *1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:1-5 Luke 8:4-13* 5:30 pm Edward & Linda Pabian +

Sunday September 19 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Psalm 54:1-4, 6 James 3:16, 4:3 Mark 9:30-37 10:00 am Daniel Olmedo +





The Friar's Nook Peace and Goodness to all!

Welcome back. I hope your summer was good and that you got some rest and enjoyed yourselves as much as you can during these times. While it was nice to visit the states, I feel much safer here in Toronto. The politicization of COVID in the South is crazy. But I made it back unscathed and uninfected [even though I had to be tested two days in a row because the equipment wasn't working at the first place I got tested].

As many of you know, there's a new edition at the Friary. I adopted a dog from Russia named Sonya. She's rather timid but it's getting bolder each day. She's missing one of our front legs and we're working on getting her prosthetic for that, but for a three-legged dog she does very well for herself. She has taught herself to use stairs, taught herself to use the dog door, and believe it or not has found her way up to the roof of the church twice! I have since closed off any access she has to get to the roof, although I may take her up for a walk there once in awhile since she likes the view of the city from there. Last Sunday, she followed me down to the sacristy, and followed me into the church while I set up for Mass. Then before Mass when I was talking to the ushers she came down on her own and poked her head out the door to look for me. So, I'm hoping it won't be too long before everyone gets a chance to meet her, and I can greet you after Mass with my girl at my side. At the end of this month, she'll be fitted with a prosthetic leg and I hope that she becomes less shy because of it. I'll try not carrying on too much like a proud Papa, but I make no promises.

I've heard from the Chancery that we can resume our vigil candles, so I've replaced those. We are also able to use our meeting space at 50% capacity with 1 meter distancing and masks. This means that we should be able to have first communion classes this year and hopefully confirmation classes albeit modified. We will need more teachers as we will have to separate the students to keep them safe to observe the protocols of the diocese.

Someone came up to me on Saturday and told me that he goes to another parish and that they don't have all these rules that we have. I told him the rules are based on the diocesan guidelines and my own concern for keeping people safe and that if he didn't like the rules we had in place, he could go back to the parish that he came from. Mind you they should be following the same rules to keep their congregants safe. I'm sorry for those of you we have not returned because of the rules we have in place, but I put high regard on your health and safety, and I will do whatever I can to make sure that your attendance at church does not endanger that. I'm strongly hoping that we don't have a fourth wave and that we can begin to return to some more normalcy in regard to Mass, but I will do what it takes to keep us holy, healthy, and happy. Our Mass attendance is on the rise and it's great to see more faces. If you feel comfortable, come once in awhile so that I may see your face. Just because you attend Mass once doesn't mean that you're expected to be there every Sunday during this pandemic. I'll be here for you, and I look forward to being with you again.

Your Pastor and now dog-father, Fr. Bob

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Mary de Lac, Courtney Willis, and Brendan Clough **The Deceased**: Leo O'Keefe and Fr. Con Cronin

Let's celebrate the Season of Creation together at St. Joan of Arc Join Creation Care Ministry and Development and Peace for a FIFTEEN minute parish prayer service outside by the Church right after the 5:30 pm mass this Saturday Sept. 11th. If it rains, we will gather by Zoom instead on Sunday Sept. 12th at 2:00 pm. To receive the Zoom link if needed, please email Karen at creationcare1701@gmail.com. The ecumenical Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4th and calls Christians around the world to pray and care for creation. Visit Creation Care Ministry's website at www.bit.ly/sjaccm to find suggested actions including how to support the Catholic petition Healthy Planet, Healthy People on the biodiversity and climate crises. The Vatican is inviting support for this petition ahead of two important UN Summits.

Living the Gospel by supporting residents of long-term care

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides long-term care for seniors. "It's been hard during COVID-19," says Mary, one of its residents, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work." Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG. October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Season of Creation 2021 Prayer

Creator of All, we are grateful that from your communion of love You created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom You made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of Creation praises You in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life. In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of Your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us Faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to Your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with You Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ Amen.



We are still live streaming the 10 am Mass on Sunday Mornings, on our St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Arturo Gonsalez has taken over from Cathi Richardson. He can be reached at ext. 222. As things are now starting to open up, he is planning the classes for the 2021-2022 coming year.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, and churches being closed for Good Friday, the Archdiocese has set this weekend September 11-12, for the Holy Land collection. Good Friday envelopes are at the entrance of the church for your use. They can be included in the regular collection.

Fr. Bob's new companíon, Sonja!



