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#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, April 24

Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 119:23-24,26-27, 29-30 John 6:22-29 5:30 pm Winter Welcome Table Volunteers

#### Tuesday, April 25

1 Peter 5:5-14 Psalm 89: 1-2,5-6,15-16 Mark 16:15-20 5:30 pm John McCarthy +

#### Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1-8 Psalm 66:1-7

John 6:35-40

5:30 pm John Schlathau +

#### Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 John 6:44-51 5:30 pm For the Health of Merna

#### Friday, April 28

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117:1,2 John 6:52-59 5:30 pm A Special Intention

#### Saturday, April 29

Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-17 John 6:53, 60-69 5:30 pm John Hruskocki +

#### Sunday, April 30

Acts 2:14,36-49 Psalm 23: 1-6 1Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10 10:00 am Blessings for the Family 12:00 pm The Parish Community





# The Friar's Nook Happy Easter, Alleluia!

It was wonderful to see so many people at the services from Passion Sunday through Easter. I met many people who really appreciated our services and I hope to see again. I thank all of you who helped make our services so great. It couldn't happen without you.

I said that we would add the noon Mass for Lent and see how it goes. It started out small but has grown into a worthwhile community. That being said we need some more commitment from the congregation. Last Sunday we had no ushers, no lectors, no servers and one eucharistic minister! I had a server from the congregation, but I had to grab someone from the choir to read and usher [as well as sing in the choir]! I am forever grateful for her service, or should I say services.

Not to pick on the noon Mass, because we had one usher at the 10 o'clock so the collection took longer that the homily! The poor choir had to sing every song they knew! While we work our way toward Pentecost, when the first Christians were commissioned to go out to all the world, I would ask you to consider your own commissioning within our community that our Masses may flow with pastoral ease.

I love celebrating Mass for you and look forward to our continued growth. You may have noticed that we have more than two dozen children who go to the Children's Liturgy of the Word. I have also noticed more families, couples, and individuals in attendance and I appreciate the welcome that you provide to them. The first pastor I worked with taught me "Give people a positive experience of Church and they will come back". I believe that to be true and have witnessed it both in the confessional and in the church.

I appreciate your welcome to the parish puppy, Bodhi. I am working with him to behave better in church. I am pleased to see the happiness he gives to young and old alike. He is only a year and a half old, so he is working on his puppiness but I seriously thinking of training him to be a therapy dog. I have witnessed him with others and seen him be drawn to offer support to people who are under stress. And this was just his natural instincts. I have no problem asking him to do his part for our parish as well.

I thank everyone for your thoughtfulness over Easter to me and Bodhi! His name means hope. And I have great hope for the parish because of all of you!

Happy Easter, Fr. Bob

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

The Deceased: Anar Adatia

#### A ShareLife Campaign Update

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Thus far we have raised \$9,000.00 toward our goal of \$57,600.00 Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.

#### Do You want to become Catholic?

To become Catholic a person must contact our church office and make the appropriate enquiries. The individual will have to go through a period of discernment, prayer and preparation called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.)

#### Catholic Women's League

The C.W.L. will have their monthly meeting May 1, following the 5:30 pm mass, where the New Executive will be installed by Fr. Bob. They were unable to have the April meeting in April due to the Archdiocesan Convention.

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

1) The members of St. Joan of Arc Conference thank Father Bob and the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc for their continued support of our society. With your generosity, we have another \$2,955.50 from the Holy Thursday collection to continue to help the less fortunate of our community.

2)We will be holding our Spring Bundle Up Weekend at the end of May. Mark your calendars and if you are doing spring cleaning save your gently used items for the weekend of May 27-28. See posters for what we are looking for. Thank you for your continued support!

#### Mother's Day Novena

If you would like to have your mother, grandmother, etc. included in our 2023 Mother's Day Novena, just print all the names on the outside of an envelope and insert \$5.00 per name inside the envelope.

#### Does your heart burn in his presence?

How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email:

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Or Interested in the Friar's of the Atonement, for information go to: vocations@atonementfriars.org



#### 10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our Website.

#### This Week

#### Monday, April 24

6:30 pm WWT Appreciation Dinner

#### Saturday, April 29

2:00 pm First Communion Rehearsal ShareLife Sunday

#### **Future Dates to Remember**

#### Monday May 1

7:00 pm CWL meeting.

#### Thursday, May 4

Knights of Columbus meeting

#### Saturday, May 6

2:00 pm First Communion

#### When making a donation.

Be sure to put your full name on the envelope. We got a donation at Easter with the name Mila on the envelope. We have several Mila's in the parish. So, no one was able to get credit for it!



Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



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