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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Genia Vanderkruk
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

> Sunday 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

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 1003, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob or Fr. Alex at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick: To arrange for a visit Call the office Ext 1007

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm Wednesdays - Closed

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
4th Monday of the Month

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 Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Saturday of the Month 1:00 PM



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 28 5:30pm Amado Dias †

Tuesday, April 29 5:30pm Brendan Stoit †

Wednesday, April 30 5:30pm Alessandra Hellmund †

Thursday, May 1 5:30pm Jean & Gerald Gignac †

> Friday, May 2 5:30pm Jamie Guiao

Saturday, May 3 5:30pm Mary & Ciryl Davis †

> Sunday, May 4 10am Nicola Bianchi †

12pm Juliette Tan Maling

SANCTUARY LAMP

(April 27 – May 3)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for Frank Urbancic. Please keep them in your prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Maryann Chard Mary Kelly Ken Francis Mark Szuba

The Deceased

Pope Francis
Nilton Alves Gomes
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
Blanca Cecilia Munoz Garcia



The Friar's Nook

It came as a big surprise to be awakened on Easter Monday only to find out that Pope Francis had died. It should come as no surprise that I liked Pope Francis considerably and thought him to be a great shepherd to the church. I must admit I was depressed for most of the day. I even looked up to the heavens and said to God "Can't I have one day of joy". But as I put together a slide show my pictures a Pope Francis for the parish hall, my sadness eased. I witnessed a man full of love, compassion, forgiveness, and hope. And that's why I loved him. Consequently, I don't fear for the future of the Church, but I have hope as he instructed us to have. I'm also heartened by the fact that 80% of the Cardinals will be electing the new Pope have been appointed by him so I'm hoping they will choose someone who will follow in his footsteps.

If not, since the Cardinals are only human, I look to what has happened in the past in my lifetime. They didn't expect Pope John XXIII to do much of anything much less invoke a Vatican council! I'm sure they didn't expect Pope John Paul II to do the things that he did and I'm guessing that the Cardinals never suspected that Pope Francis would show such humility. As I looked through pictures of him, I was comforted by all the kindness he showed.

I also had an opportunity to meet your new pastor, Fr. Anish Alex (or just Fr. Anish) this week. He wanted to come over and meet the staff and see the facilities and to talk to me about the parish. One of our parishioners who was here (who is not Indian) struck up a conversation with him and was delighted to find out that she knows where he is from, and they both know and love a couple of priests who are there. I was pleased for him and found him to be a friendly and humble priest. I'm not sure how young he is but it fent like I was handing over the family business to him, father to son. He was excited to know that we will have 5 days of overlap before I leave to help him transition into the new role.

I told him about you and how Bishop Kasun told me that he's never seen a parish with so much ownership from the congregation. I said I told the bishop that is because I remind the parish that they are the Church and that I work for them! I think you will find him to be a kind and gentle pastor. I told him to remind the congregation that they are the parish of St. Joan of Arc. He was also interested in our Parish Plan, and he had a priest friend of his that also asked for a copy of it. I think it will aid in his and your transition into this new roll. I ask you to give him a chance and to love him as you have loved me.

Easter peace! Fr. Bob



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast established by Saint John Paul II in response to the message of mercy shared by Jesus with Saint Faustina Kowalska.

Jesus revealed to St. Faustina that His mercy is endless and available to all who trust in Him. He promised that on this day, the "floodgates of My mercy are open," offering complete forgiveness of sins and punishment to those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace.

This special day invites us to place our trust in God's merciful love, and to extend that same mercy to others. The Divine Mercy image reminds us of the blood and water poured out for our salvation.

Let us say together with faith: "Jesus, I trust in You."

Happy Retirement, Rosanne! (May 3)

After 40 years of dedicated service as our parish secretary, Rosanne Kelly is retiring. Rosanne has been supporting our St. Joan of Arc parish community with warmth, grace, and a deep sense of commitment. While we'll certainly miss seeing her in the office, we will see her around as a volunteer.

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating Rosanne and thanking her for her many years of service at a reception following the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, May 3 in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Winter Welcome Table – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (May 5)

Thank you to all who supported this season of Winter Welcome Table. From November to Holy Week, over 100 guests were served each Monday evening thanks to the dedication of many volunteers—including St. Joan of Arc, who provided meals on five occasions. Special thanks to Tim McElcheran for his leadership and generosity.

We invite all WWT volunteers to a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joan of Arc Parish on Monday, May 5 at 5:30 PM, followed by a meal in the parish hall. Let's celebrate a season of care and community!

ShareLife: You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Your Gifts to God (\$)

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for April 19/20	
Expenses	\$7288
Envelopes	\$3890
Loose	+ \$2056
PAG (wk)	+\$1828
Online	\$0
Received	= 7774
Over	+ 486
Holy Land	\$1621.85
Easter	\$1702.30
Offering	

** We require \$7288 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our basic parish expenses.

Your generosity helps us to make our community alive through various liturgies and

many outreach initiatives. **Thank you** for your support.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT A GLANCE

Apr. 29 – Euchre Playing (1:30pm)

May 3 – First Communion Rehearsal (2:00pm)

May 5 – Winter Welcome Table Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

May 14 – CWL Executive Meeting (1:30pm)

May 24/25 – Fair Trade

May 24-26 Sacred Shifts: Parish Reflection Days

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