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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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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 7

5:30pm Michael Prus †

Tuesday, April 8

5:30pm Mary Ann Kunz Bresba †

Wednesday, April 9

5:30pm In Thanksgiving †

Thursday, April 10

5:30pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 11

5:30pm The Parish Community

Saturday, April 12

5:30pm Regina Rhiel-Cairns †

Sunday, April 13

10am Erick Ficker †

12pm Int. of Neil Patric

SANCTUARY LAMP

(April 7 - 12)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for Wendy, Mike and Gord.
Please keep them in your prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Pope Francis
Maryann Chard
Mary Kelly
Ken Francis
Virginia Kiflit
Mark Szuba

The Deceased

Nilton Alves Gomes
Mario Lo Bianco
Patricia Lobraico
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
Blanca Cecilia Munoz Garcia
Alicja Wrona



The Friar's Nook

The third liturgical colour I wish to discuss with you this week is red.

The liturgy uses the colour red in the Masses of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon the Apostles like tongues of fire and for the Masses of the Passion and of the Martyrs. We could say that the choice of colour symbolically evokes the fire of the Holy Spirit and the blood of the martyrs and most especially, the Blood of Christ shed for us.

According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, red vestments are worn on Passion Sunday and Good Friday, on Pentecost Sunday, in the celebration of the Lord's Passion and on the feasts of the births of the Apostles and Martyrs." (no. 346).

All these are occasions in which we contemplate the mystery of God's love for humanity through suffering and sacrifice. Red signifies, on the other hand, the shedding of blood and is used on Palm Sunday (when Christ enters Jerusalem to prepare for his death), Good Friday and all other commemorations of the Lord's Passion, the votive Masses of the Precious Blood, the days commemorating the martyrdom of the Apostles (except Saint John because he died of natural causes and not martyred), and the feasts of other martyrs who offered their lives for the faith.

But in fact, red also symbolizes the burning fire of God's love. Therefore, red vestments are also worn at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire; for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and for votive Masses of the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to explore the significance and importance of more liturgical colours in future editions of the Friar's Nook. More to come!

Fr. Alexander



**TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope**



Turn Debt into Hope # 4

On April 26/27, you will be invited to sign the global **Turn Debt Into Hope** petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves, we respond to Pope Francis' call: "*In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.*" (Message for the 2025 World Day of Peace). Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures!

April 5/6, 2025



Once again, our parish community will journey as one to Jerusalem and Calvary. We invite you to consider inviting someone to our Catholic home this Easter, where all are welcome!

Passion Sunday (Apr. 12/13)
Saturday – 5:30pm
Sunday – 10:00am and 12:00pm
...with distribution of palms

Holy Thursday (Apr. 17)
7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
...with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament until 10:00pm

Good Friday (Apr. 18)
3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion
.....with the Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday (Apr. 19)
8:30pm – First Mass of Easter
... with Blessing of the Fire and
the initiation of our catechumens.

Easter Sunday (Apr. 20)
10:00am and 12:00pm

All Are Welcome at St. Joan of Arc Parish!

ShareLife Parish Campaign

Our annual ShareLife appeal at St. Joan of Arc is a reminder that we are not a congregational Church and that we belong to a greater community that needs our support. Our Parish Goal for 2025 is \$46,000. There will be plenty of opportunities between now and the campaign ending in October to participate. **Please consider being generous.**

Continue sharing your Lenten Intentions with us!

Don't forget to share your Lenten intentions, thoughts and prayers by writing them down on "intention slips" at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to place their filled in, folded intentions in the baptismal font on the altar. Enter as many intentions as you'd like!

Master the Art of Pysanky: A Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop (Apr. 12)

Learn the ancient art of Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating-- a sacred and meditative practice! Oksana Hawrylak and Cyndy O'Grady will guide you through all the steps of transforming a plain egg into a work of art. Join us on Apr. 12 from 10am – 1pm in the Parish Hall. \$30 per person. Registration can be done in the parish hall after Mass or through the parish office during the week. A perfect opportunity to learn this form of art!

Way of the Cross Dramatization (Apr. 15)

We will welcome the students of Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton at 7pm for an evening of reflection. Join our parish as we prayerfully enter into Holy Week. All are Welcome!

Merrymakers Luncheon (Apr. 24)

Join us as we celebrate another Merrymakers Luncheon (and the arrival of the Easter season). We will gather for Eucharist at 12:00pm in the Church, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm. Tickets are \$15 each and are now on sale after each Mass.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

...for March 29/30	
Expenses	\$7288
Envelopes	\$1370
Loose	+ \$975
PAG (wk)	+\$1813
Online	N/A
Received	= \$4158
Short	- \$3130
Easter Flowers	\$689.30

** 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.

MONTH OF APRIL AT A GLANCE

Apr. 8 – Euchre Playing
(1:30pm)

Apr. 8 – Creation Care
Ministry (7:00pm)

Apr. 9 – CWL Executive
Meeting (1:30pm)

Apr. 12 – Ukrainian Easter
Egg Workshop

Apr. 15 – Parish
Dramatization of the
Stations of the Cross
by BMTM Students (7pm)

April 24 – Merrymakers
Luncheon (12pm)

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