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### **CELEBRATIONS OF** THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

#### Office Hours

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

Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

6:30 to 8:30 pm

## CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISMS**

contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 222, for more information.

#### MARRIAGE

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick: To arrange for a visit Call the office ext. 221

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to

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

## **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

Lectors: Maryanne Chard 10:00AM Choir Susan McElcheran Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM 12:00 Noon Choir Antoine Pellerin

Ushers: Call the office



# MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, August 24

**Revelation 21:9-14 Psalm 145:10-13,17-18 John 1:45-51**5:30 pm Carmen Granada +

#### Tuesday, August 25

2 Thessal. 2:1-3, 14-17
Psalm 96:10-13 Matthew 23:23-26
5:30 pm the Parish Community

#### Wednesday, August 26

2 Thessal. 3:6-10,16-18 Psalm128:1-2,4-5 Matthew 23:27-325:30 pm First Communion class

#### Thursday, August 27

1Corin. 1:1-9 Psalm 1145:2-7 Matthew 24: 42-51

5:30 pm For Deceased Friars

#### Friday, August 28

I Corn 1:17-25 Psalm 33: 1-2,4-5

Matthew 25:1-13

5:30 pm Int. of Marlena Blok

#### **Saturday August 29**

Jeremiah 1:17-19 Psalm 71:1-6,15-17 Mark 6:17-29 5:30 pm Nelfa Droa+

#### Sunday, August 30

Jeremiah 20;7-9 Psalm 63:1-8
Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27
5:30 pm Sister Rizy Agatha+





## The Friar's Nook

Jesus told us to be careful what we wish for. When an evil spirit is cast out from a person, they wander the countryside looking for a home, and not finding one they return to the person. Finding it cleaned and swept they invite several other friends and the state of that person is worse off in the end that it was in the beginning. But he never warned us about fruit flies!

This past week Saint Joan of Arc church has been under attack. There are fruit flies everywhere, in the rectory, in the sacristy, in the offices, in the church. If you see me waving my arms wildly, it's not some sort of new blessing but rather just me trying to keep the fruit flies away from me . Last night at supper I had to pick two fruit flies out of my dinner before I even had a chance to eat and I wasn't even eating fruit! I know I've said it would be nice to see the church full again, but I meant with you parishioners not with swarms of fruit flies.

As I've been telling you, we have been cleaning diligently since the beginning of this virus and continue to do so, so that the place looks it is a lot cleaner but nobody invited the fruit flies to make their home here. Emptied all the trash containers and I've been fly swatting like a maniac, but they keep coming.

I know that Saint Francis of Assisi would probably call them "Brother Fruit flies" but he's a lot more holy than me. We haven't been keeping fruit around, [although a lot of you think that I am bananas] and I've invited them to join me outside, but they haven't come. I have traps and flypaper, but they don't seem interested. In case you think it's just me seeing things, the staff has encountered these as well. I'd like to think of them as Angels, unaware but Angels wouldn't be this irritating.

If Moses call down the curse of the fruit flies, pharaoh would have let his people go right away, he wouldn't have needed anymore plagues.

I guess it's just God's way of showing how some little irritation can take our minds off the other problems that we deal with in our world. I've taken to praying outside to avoid these "little irritations." And while I don't wish these on anyone, I do hope that the little irritations you have in your life don't keep you from God and the good He calls us to. Remember Jesus tells us to take up our cross daily, and sometimes it's dozens of little, teeny, tiny crosses. But just as I know that God is in charge, and this too shall pass, I know how easy it is to be distracted by silly little things. If you are coming to church, I invite you to take some fruit flies home with you for your spiritual growth, they are free! And maybe they can help remind you to keep focused on God and His work in your life rather than the little annoyances that buzz around us.

In the meantime, I'll try not to be one of those little annoyances.

Peace, Fr. Bob

#### Please Pray for:

The Sick: Carmen Grech, Gary Hartnett, Krystyna Tybinkowski,

Donna Scholich and Brendan Crowley

The Deceased: Gina Sylvester, Ross Best, Ken Ward and Michael

Chamerlain

#### The Parish Office

You must have an appointment to come to the office. This is following the instructions from the Archdiocese. When coming to the office you must be wearing a mask according to the instruction of the City of Toronto. Parish off will be closed Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Special Collections**

- 1) Canadian Missions Collection Proceeds are divided, half and half, to two mission projects each year. The first is "Catholic Missions in Canada" (CMIC), supported by many of the dioceses in English Canada for parishes, missions and dioceses across the country that are not able to sustain themselves.
- 2) Archdiocese of Toronto Mission Collection for the Diocese of Mac Kenzie-Fort Smith (Yellowknife, NWT) and the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan (Grande Prairie, AB). Both dioceses are considered northern dioceses and in need of help. Many of the dioceses in Canada have partnered with one or two northern dioceses to offer financial aid and (sometimes) personnel. It began when the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith changed the status of several northern dioceses from "missionary" to "regular." Remember to make cheques payable to St. Joan of Arc and on the Memo line mark Canadian Missions.
- 3) Humanitarian Relief An enormous explosion devastated the city of Beirut, Lebanon, in what the local mayor called "a national catastrophe." The situation in Lebanon is dire. At least 154 people died in the explosion and 5,000 were injured –those numbers are expected to rise over the coming days The explosion also destroyed vital food stores and left 300,000 people homeless (representing roughly 12 per cent of the city's population). Five hundred hospital beds, as well as important medical supplies needed for the country's COVID-19 response, were also damaged in the blast. At this time, we ask the faithful to please donate to the Lebanon relief effort, if they are able. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency with extensive on-theground networks in Lebanon. CNEWA staff are currently working to send food, water, medical supplies and hygiene products to Beirut. Spiritual and psychological support will also be provided to those who lost everything in a blink of an eve. Later, CNEWA will rebuild housing and help re-establish those who lost their livelihoods in this disaster.

<u>Please use plan envelopes</u> and print your information on the outside and mark each envelope for which collection it is to be directed. We are not allowed to put out envelopes for these collections during the pandemic.



#### **Sunday Mass**

Fr. Bob & Fr. Ken will continue to stream the 10 am mass on Sundays on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

Mass can also be found televised Sunday Mornings on different channels at different times. Check you TV listings.

# Invitation for this summer leading up to the Season of Creation.

The season of Creation runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> and calls Christians around the world to pray and care for creation. Creation Care Ministry invites you to visit our website at: <a href="https://www.bit.ly/sjacom">www.bit.ly/sjacom</a> to learn about the Season of Creation including related suggestions for prayer, reflection and action for the summer. More along the way of living well with less and letting the earth rest by making a commitment to reduce waste.

#### **Message from the Office**

When making donations to other charities such as the Lebanon Relief or the Canadian Churches, the cheque should be payable to **St. Joan of Arc Parish**, on the memo line put The charity you are supporting.

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