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### **CELEBRATIONS OF** THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

> Sunday 10:00 AM

#### **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

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

#### 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

## **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

**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



# MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13 Numbers24:2-7, 15-17 Psalm 25:4-9 Matthew 21:23-27 5:30 pm John Blok +

Tuesday, December 14

**Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34: 1-2, 5-6,17-19,22Matthe 21:28-32** 5:30 pm Joe & Leonitina Rego +

Wednesday, December 15
Isaiah 45: 6-8, 18, 21-25 Psalm
85: 8-14 Luke 7:19-23
5:30 pm Joe & Lil Zerebeski+

<u>Thursday, December 16</u> *Isaiah 54: 1-10 Psalm 30:1,3,4-5, 10-12 Luke 7:24-30* 5:30 pm Fred & Annie Cornelius+

Friday, December 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-4,
7-8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17
5:30 pm Carol & Zenon Pakula +

<u>Saturday, December 18</u> *Jeremiah 23; 5-8 Psalm 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Matthew 1:18-24* 5:30 pm Daniel Olmedo+

Sunday December 19
Micah 5:2-5 Psalm 80:1-2, 14-15,
17-18 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke
1:39-45
10:00 am Parish Community



Third Sunday of Advent



### The Friar's Nook

Last week I began sharing with you the beatitudes for bishops that Pope Francis handed out in Rome. This week I'll finish talking about the last four beatitudes and hopefully help you apply them to your life and our world.

5. Blessed is the bishop who has a heart for the misery of the world, who does not fear dirtying his hands with the mud of the human soul in order to find there the gold of God, who is not scandalized by the sin and fragility of the other because he is conscious of his own misery, because the look of the Risen Crucified One will be for him the seal of infinite pardon.

My mother had an expression she used to use for me after I was ordained. "I've never heard of a priest doing that before!" Whether it was climbing a ladder and changing the lights in the parish or going to a funeral parlor to help a widow arrange for there husband's funeral. I have tried to do what I see that needs to be done whether practical, emotional, or spiritual. my response to my mother was always "Well you have now"!

6. Blessed is the bishop who wards off duplicity of heart, who avoids every ambiguous dynamic, who dreams good even in the midst of evil, because he will be able to enjoy the face of God, tracking it down in every puddle of the city of people.

I have always thought that if you live in fear you can go through your entire life looking down to watch out for what you might step in. But at the end of life all you've seen is the garbage on the ground, you haven't seen the grace and beauty of God in our world and in each other. Therefore, I would rather live my life with my head lifted up to see the hand of God in my life. Sure, that may mean that I do step in something once in a while, but you know what, you can just wipe your foot off and keep going and when you get to the end of your life you will have seen the work of God and a foretaste of the Kingdom in your life.

7. Blessed is the bishop that works for peace, who accompanies the paths of reconciliation, who sows in the heart of the presbyterate the seed of communion, who accompanies a divided society on the pathway of reconciliation, who takes by hand every man and every woman of good will in order to build fraternity: God will recognize him as his son.

Doing the work of God is not simply the job of bishops or the ordained but of all people. That means we can't sit on the sidelines and cheer for others to do good works but we ourselves must be involved and caring for others in this world. We are called to work for unity for all people hence "All are Welcome".

8. Blessed is the bishop who for the Gospel does not fear to go against the tide, making his face "hard" like that of Christ heading to Jerusalem, without letting himself be held back by misunderstandings and by obstacles because he knows that the Kingdom of God advances in contradiction to the world.

This means we are called to do the tough things in life for the sake of the Kingdom. Even when this means doing it alone or even when it's an uphill climb.

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Till next week, stay safe,

Fr. Bob

#### **Please Pray for:**

The Sick: Mary De Lac

The Deceased:

#### **A REMINDER**

If you arrive at the church and the doors are locked, it is because we at full capacity or mass has started. Please do not bang on the doors, they will not be opened!



### Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm Mass Christmas Day 10:00 am Mass in Church & Online

New Year's Eve 5:30 pm Mass New Year's Day 10:00 am Mass in Church and Online

Go to the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page to watch mass online!

Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking together toward healing and Reconciliation. Catholics across the country are invited to join in collective prayer as a delegation for Indigenous survivors travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17-20th. The journey, organized by the CCCB, represents an important moment in the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. The delegation will also help inform the planned pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Canada at a future date. Info at <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/indigenous-delegation-17-10-december-2021-vatican-city/">www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/indigenous-delegation-17-10-december-2021-vatican-city/</a>



#### **Sunday Liturgy**

The 10 am Mass is live streamed on our Facebook page.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Our Parish Christmas monetary collection took place last weekend, Envelopes will be accepted any time in support of our Christmas Appeal. Cheques should be payable to St. Vincent de Paul, as we issue our own receipts.

#### **2022 Sunday Missals**

Are available from the parish office, \$5.00 per copy.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Since, so few boxes for 2021 were collected from the parish hall, we are not getting boxes for 2022. You may use your 2021 envelopes or use plain envelopes with your number and name written on them for the weeks you don't have one. This will save the parish money.

**If you did not collect your 2021 box,** it is still in the parish hall. You can still collect them and start using them now and next year.

PLEASE NOTE: If you box number was higher than 400, you may have a new number, as we reduce the number ordered last year and issued new numbers to the box numbers that were deleted.

#### **People & Planet First**

On December 2nd, a small delegation from St. Joan of Arc D&P and St. Cecilia D&P met with Arif Virani, our M.P. for Parkdale-High Park, to talk about our petition asking the government to mandate Canadian companies to act responsibly in their overseas operations. He has promised to present this concern in the House of Commons. Our voice matters and makes a difference.

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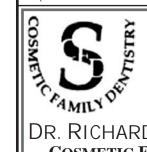
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