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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Psalm 24

24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38

5:30 pm David Boyle+

Tuesday, December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33:2-3,

11-12,20-21 Luke 1:39-45

5:30 pm Moira Casey +

Wednesday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1,

4-7 Luke 46-56

5:30 pm Deceased of the Parish

Thursday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 Psalm 25:4-

5,8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66

5:30 pm Eugene Sziraky +

Friday, December 24

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:3-4, 15-

16, 26+28 Acts 13:16-17,22-25

Matthew 1:1-25

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Saturday, December 25

Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm 97:1-2,5-

6,11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

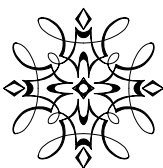
10:00 am The Parish Community

Sunday December 26

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Psalm 128:1-5

Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

10:00 am Jan Pabian +



The Friar's Nook

Christmas is coming the geese are getting fat please to put a penny in the old man's hat." I'm crossing my fingers because this year may be my first year to celebrate Christmas at Saint Joan of Arc as pastor with the congregation! I can hardly wait.

It's also one of those rare times where we have four full weeks of advent meaning we have an extra week to get ready for Christmas. It makes it easier in terms of decorating the Church, so we are not having to do it the night before and hopefully it makes it easier for you to prepare for your celebrations. I set up my Christmas tree this year Sonya seemed to be interested in it, or at least interested in what I was doing in setting up and decorating. I don't know if she's ever seen a Christmas tree, but she seems to like it and sometimes lies down under it. She doesn't know about Santa yet but when Christmas comes she gets treats she will be extremely happy.

Speaking of getting ready for Christmas, I would ask each of you not to get caught up so much in the busyness that you miss the beauty and the happiness that comes with Christmas. It has been modified for the last couple of years with COVID but Christmas still comes no matter what and for that we have reason to be joyful.

I'd like to talk about the second part of the opening song line. "Please do put a penny in the old man's hat". as you probably are aware Saint Joan of Arc conjunction with Saint Peters church offer a Winter Welcome Table on Monday evenings at Saint Peter's hall. Here we prepare hot meals for the homeless and usually we have parishioners help in the preparation and distribution of these meals plus we pay for the food for these people. This is seriously affected by the pandemic in that those coming for meals no longer can get a sit ,down meal in the warmth but we do provide them with a hot meal to go get Christmas time we try to provide gifts. Usually, we provide warm clothing but this year we have plenty of that and what we are in need of are toiletries. Soaps, shaving equipment, toothbrushes, toothpaste anything that you would normally use to make life a little more normal. I would ask you to think about what you use in the morning did you get ready for the day and think about contributing one item to make these people's lives more human. After all they are our brothers and sisters.

If you are thinking of me this Christmas please keep my brother and one of my sisters in your prayers. My brother has been hospitalised for heart issues and my sister is awaiting more tests and surgery for cancer. It comes at a rough time of the year but then again illness is never welcome anytime of the year. But I do believe in a gracious, loving and caring God and I trust their care into his hands. But any extra prayers you have would be welcome. I find that it does take an emotional and physical toll out of me as I seem to be more tired lately. Yet this too will pass. I plan on celebrating the joy of Christmas with you whether live or live-streamed and I know it will renew my strength.

I'm looking forward to this coming week wishing that you all have a peaceful blessed Christmas season. Sonya and I will be thinking and praying for you. (as best she can)

Stay calm, peaceful, and joyful,
Fr. Bob

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Mary de Lac

The Deceased:

MASSES

Fr. Bob is still looking for volunteers, so we can have another mass. This is our parish and if we are not willing to step up and help another mass can not be added to the weekend schedule. He can only do so much the parish community has to step up and help get our parish up and running like before Covid. Contact the office and leave your name and number and we will contact you.

Creation Care Ministry

We would like to thank everyone who signed the Healthy Planet Healthy People petition during the Season of Creation. Signatures from over 120,000 individuals and 425 organizations were presented to representatives from the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow along side many other calls for climate justice from around the world by people of faith.



Christmas Schedule

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Mass</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Mass in Church & Online</i>

***Capacity of 100 people * doors open 45 minutes ahead
When Full or Mass has started, the doors will be locked!**

<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Mass</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Mass in Church & Online</i>

***Same procedure as above**

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



Sunday Liturgy

10 am Mass is live streamed on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook Page.

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 once we reach full capacity or Mass starts.

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.

If you didn't have a box, you can request one from the office.

If you are giving for more than one week, one envelope is sufficient.

The Parish Office will be closed from December 20th to January 3, 2022.

St. Vincent de Paul

You may use the SVDP envelopes or plain white envelopes marked SVDP Christmas Help. We are restricted to what we can give out. So we are unable to give out toys this year. This is not restricted to one week and tax receipts will be issued. Once again, we Thank You for your support!



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