

# St. Joan of Arc

Proclaiming and Living the Gospel through Stewardship. All are Welcome.

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#### Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 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. 221, for more information.

#### MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Dan 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

Office Hours Tuesday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday & Wednesday mornings closed. Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm 6:30 to 8:30 pm

> Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Please call Fr. Dan Callahan, ext. 226, for more information.

#### ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass Development and Peace www.devp.org 3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM Merry Makers 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

#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Callahan, SA Pastor (ext. 226) frdan@joanofarc.ca

Mrs. Rosanne Kelly Executive Assistant (ext. 221) parish@joanofarc.ca

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

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 7 Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85 Luke5:17-26 5:30 pm F. & K. Lechowska +

Tuesday, December 8 Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 5:30 pm Mariano & Conciecao DaCosta

#### Wednesday, December 9

*Isaiah 40: 25-31 Psalm 103 Matthew 11: 28-30* 5:30 pm Florian Family

#### Thursday, December 10 Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145

Matthew 11:11-15 5:30 pm Domingos & Ermelinda Amaral+

#### Friday, December 11

*Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1 Matthew 11:16-19* 5:30 pm Veronica & John Blok +

#### Saturday, December 12

*Zechariah 2:10-13 Judith 13 Luke 1:39-47* 5:30 pm The Parish Community

#### Sunday, December 13

Zephaniah 3:14-18Isaiah 12Philippians 4:4-7Luke 3:10-188:30 amShawn O'Neill+10:00 amJessie Galea+12:00 pmHelen Savulak +7:00 pmDaria & Jose Sousa +

Monthly comparison for November

| Offertory | 2014       | 2015      |
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| Envelopes | \$ 20, 654 | \$ 19,413 |
| Loose     | \$ 6,169   | \$ 6,321  |
| PAG       | \$ 6,289   | \$ 6,438  |
| Total     | \$ 33,112  | \$ 32,082 |

Building and Maintenance funds for August were \$6,473.





## The Pastor's Corner

Peace and Goodness to All!

As we light today, the second candle on our Advent wreath the Word of God brings us hope in abundance. Isaiah, and John the Baptist both proclaim the good news that every valley shall be exalted, and every hill made low as God prepares the way for our salvation. We know God has realized this hope with the Word made flesh in Christ our Savior. The promise of the prophets is realized and fulfilled in Him who is the Way the Truth and the Life. The love and compassion demonstrated in the life of Jesus becomes available to us in our own time and relationships by the power of the Holy Spirit who opens our hearts to receive the Word, to dwell in our hearts and in our Church so we can celebrate even now, the hope of Christ coming in our midst to help us. The challenges we are given in our daily lives to live the compassionate love and reconciliation God provides in our own life situations, the valleys and hills that God will make straight through our prayerful efforts to journey forward each day.

As we reflect and remember the many ways that God has helped us through our experiences we become witnesses to the truth of God with us in Christ Jesus, so we can help others to turn to the Lord to find forgiveness, grace and wisdom so they can journey with us to the Salvation that is won for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are called to be heralds of the Good news and prophets of hope as we bear witness to others of the faithfulness and love of God poured into our hearts in the Sacramental life of the Church that gives us help and strength to continue on the way of reconciliation, conversion of heart and the mercy of God who loves us and is for us at every turn that life brings.

This past weekend we celebrated the parish Advent retreat, where we reflected together on the love and mercy of God given to us so that we can grow as a community of faith hope and love. We were given the outline to continue this progress in the Alpha program which we hope to establish in the coming months. As this is realized we will extend invitations to many to participate in this program of faith and life development to encourage others to become disciples of Christ opening their ears to the Word and their lives to the action and power of the Holy Spirit so that we can be a people of Hope for so many who hunger and thirst for God in the many difficulties that life can bring.

Advent is a time of expectation and we are invited to wait in hope for the Lord. We anticipate the celebration of the Birth of Christ who shows us the Way to live in our own troubled times knowing that He will come again in Glory to dispel the darkness and calm our fears in His mercy peace and justice. We believe and trust that he will come without delay.

> In the Love and Joy of Christ Jesus Fr. Dan

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#### Please Pray for:

**The Sick**: Andrea O Connor, Wendy Grech and Noah De Abreu **The Deceased**: Fr. Charlie Brozat, Serutwa Onesme, Kevin Cogan and Rev\_Alfosno Gioppato

#### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to an ecumenical Advent Carol Service on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 pm, here at St. Joan of Arc. Choirs and musicians from several local Christian churches will join us to celebrate Advent. Come and worship together, hear beautiful music of the season, and sing carols!

#### 2015 Children's Pageant:

Our annual children's pageant will be held at the 5:30 pm mass on Christmas Eve. Children are needed for this wonderful celebration of Christmas! We would like you to participate in the Christmas pageant this year. We will be holding our first rehearsal in the church on December 13th at 1:30 pm. The second rehearsal will occur the following Sunday, December 21 at 1:15 pm. Any child wishing to participate is invited to come to these rehearsals.

#### THE FRIARS STUDENT WRITING AWARD

Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a five hundred word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18 -25, 2016. This year's theme "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God". (1 Peter 2:9) See the poster in the parish hall with more information. Deadline for entries is January 8, 2016. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416 934 3409. For more information you can also call 416 934 3400 ext. 334



#### Christmas Schedule

| December 24                | <ul><li>5:30 pm Children's Liturgy &amp; Pageant</li><li>9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy</li><li>12:00 am Christmas Liturgy</li></ul> |  |
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| Christmas Day              | 10:00 am Christmas Liturgy<br>12:00 pm Christmas Liturgy<br>No evening mass   |  |
| December 26                | 5:30 pm Liturgy   |  |
| December 27<br>December 28 | Regular Schedule<br>No Mass   |  |
| December 31<br>January 1   | 5:30 pmOctave Day of the Nativity10:00 amSolemnity of Mary12:00 pmSolemnity of Mary   |  |
| January 2 & 3rd            | Regular Schedule  |  |

### This Week

Monday, December 7 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm D & P Tuesday, December 8 4:30 pm Religious Ed

#### Wednesday, December 9

Staff 6:00 pm SVDP 7:30 pm Bible Study/ RCIA

#### **Thursday, December 10** 7:30 pm Advent Carol Service

#### Friday, December 11

6:30 pm First Reconciliation for children

#### **Future Dates to Remember**

#### **Sunday December 13**

Fair Trade Sale 1:30 pm First Children's Pageant Rehearsal

#### Sunday December 20

1:15 pm Second Children's Pageant rehearsal

#### 2015-2016 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are now available from the parish office for \$5.00 each.



Second Sunday of Advent

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