

# 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

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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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

> Sunday 10:00 AM

# 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

# **OFFICE HOURS**

Fax

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

# 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





### MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday, December 7</u> Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85 8-13 Luke 5:17-26 5:30 pm Int. of Mary Tilley

<u>Tuesday, December 8</u> Genesis 3:9-15,20 Psalm 98:1-4 Eph: 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38 5:30 pm The Parish Community

<u>Wednesday, December 9</u> Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10 Matthew 11:28-30 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

<u>Thursday December 10</u> Isaiah 41:13:20 Psalm 145:1,9-13 Matthew 11:11-15 5:30 pm Int. of Mary Tilley

<u>Friday, December 11</u> Isaiah 45:17-19 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Matthew 11:16-19 5:30 pm All Souls

Saturday, December 12 Zechariah 2:10-13 Judith 13:18-20 Luke 1:30-47 5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, December 13 Isaiah 61:1-12,10-11 Psalm Luke 1:47-50, 53-53 1 Thess. 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28 5:30 pm Michael Gomlak+



Second Sunday of Advent



# The Fríar's Nook

As I write this, there is a blanket of white snow on the ground and snowflakes gently falling down. It makes everything seem so quiet, as if we're not living in a bustling city. I know that by April we might be really tired of the snow, but for now it's a welcome sight of the season. The soft blanket of white does in fact deaden the noise that is around us it helps us to hear, in new ways, things we perhaps never noticed before. Also, as it gets colder outside the critters want to come inside to stay warm. We usually have mice, but not the quiet church mice, rather noisy ones that scurry across the ceiling tiles. This Spring, I went around the outside of the church with my cans of spray foam and I filled in every gap I could find to keep the wilderness outside and us inside.

However, mice can fit through the smallest of openings as I discovered last week. I was walking up the side aisle of the church and saw something on the carpet. I thought it may have been a leaf from outside but as I approached, I realized it was a little tiny mouse. I asked him to stay where he was, and he was very polite and listened, then I quickly went to my office and got a container that I had there, came back placed it over him and slid a piece of cardboard underneath. I turned it over then put the lid on it while he simply looked around. Then we went for a ride! I took him over to the High Park Zoo and explained to him that this is where the animals live, and since there are no animals here that eat mice (I checked – all herbivores) that he would be safe, far safer than at the church where we have traps and poison. I pointed him in the direction of the other animals and told him that there'd be food there and there would be hay to make his bed but that he shouldn't return to the church as it wasn't safe for little mice. He sat there still, on a leaf, looking around and I left him. I hope he found a comfortable new home there.

People have told me that my Franciscanism was showing and perhaps it is. But looking at something so tiny, alone and afraid, made me think about how we must seem in God's eyes. I know that God will take us, sometimes from places we are comfortable at, and move us to someplace better for us. Nobody seems to like change, unless they're in a situation that they can't stand, so even if God ever so gently picks us up and moves us, we can still be resentful and grumpy about it. I know the little mouse that I moved was certainly fearful, and I can relate as we never know what the future holds for us. But as we grow in our relationship with God the one thing, we should not be is fearful, since we know our ultimate destination is with God. As we grow through advent, let us listen in the quiet of the snowfall. Let us feel for the hand of God that guides us and sometimes even moves us to a better place! Let us be grateful for his gentle love in our lives and try to repay that love by showing that gentle love to everyone and to all creatures. After all we do want to end up on Santa's nice list don't we?

May God continue to move you to better in better places in your lives and may you share his goodness with those around you.

Stay safe and know that you are loved, Fr. Bob

### **Please Pray for:**

**The Sick**: Virginia Kiflit and Maria Soreca **The Deceased:** Pat O'Conner and Beverly Brownell

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL ST. JOAN OF ARC CONFERENCE

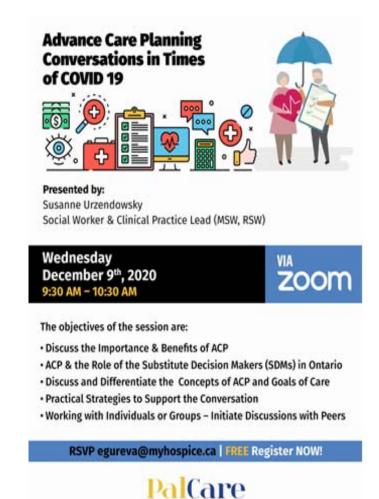
Today we should be having our Christmas Hamper envelope collection. When the parish generously supports us!. Due to Covid-19, everything has changed! We will not be distributing toys this year, **only Food Vouchers and** any **Gift Cards** that you may donate to our **Annual Christmas Appeal.** (You can use plain white envelopes and mark them **SVdP Xmas help**.) We need your support more than ever this year the pandemic has put a strain on our funds. We are continuing to help our neighbours in need, so they won't go hungry.

### **OFFICE INFORMATIONS**

#### 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are ready for pickup, they can be collected Tuesdays and Thursdays when Rosanne is in the office.

<u>2021 SUNDAY MISSALS:</u> are available from the office for \$5.00 each. When Rosanne is in.



### **Shepherd's Trust**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will not be a fundraising campaign for the Shepherd's Trust this year. Instead, we encourage parishioner who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your priests and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope .

# **COVID-19 Recovering Together**

The COVID-19 pandemic has put our one human family in crisis: 265 million could face starvation; half a billion people could be pushed into poverty; and only 1 in 5 people in low-income countries are covered by safety net programs. W e are all connected.

# **MASSES**

Be assured if you have booked a mass to be said here at St Joan of Arc, it will be said. Even though we can not open up the church, Fr. Bob and Fr. Ken are privately saying mass daily. All the masses that have been booked have been said to date. We continue to book masses through the office.

### <u>THE FRIARS STUDENT</u> WRITING CONTEST

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18th to the 25th, 2021. This year the theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (ef. John 15:5-9)



