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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Genia Vanderkruk
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Michael Thibodeau

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

> Sunday 10:00 AM 12:00 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 1003, 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 1007

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Closed Wednesday mornings

> Wednesday afternoons 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM 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 Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus

1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 4

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-23 10:00 am Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski † 12:00 pm Parish Community

Monday, February 5

1King 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:1-14 Mk 6:53-56 5:30 pm Victor Florian †

Tuesday, February 6

1 King 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-3 5:30 pm Albina Padilla †

Wednesday, February 7

1 Kings 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mark 7:14-23 5:30 pm Int. of Marlene Florian

Thursday, February 8

1 Kings 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 6-7, 35-36 Mk 7: 24-30 5:30 pm Neza Kastelic †

Friday, February 9

1 Kings 11: 29-32; 12.19 Ps 81: 9-10ab, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 7: 31-37 5:30 pm For the sick of our parish

Saturday, Febraury 10

1 Kings 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34 Ps 106: 6-7a, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8: 1-10 5:30 pm Parish Community





The Friar's Nook

Dear Congregation,

When Descartes had the prophetic dream that decided his vocation, he was in what we call a sweet 'phlegm'. and Newton, under his tree; and Buddha, under another tree; and Archimedes taking a bath. and when Plato talked with his friends in the gardens of 'Academos', he did not practice what our modern world calls an intense life. Aren't his dialogues pure delay, slowness? And Mary, didn't she find the best part, when she sat at the feet of Jesus, and without hurrying, she listened to God?

I am impressed by the way that the writer C.E Leclerq in his book "Wisdom of a Poor Man" describes the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, in a moment of total helplessness, at a critical moment in his spiritual history: "Desiring to enter into the feelings of the Lord, he prepared to slowly say the psalm that Jesus had recited on the Cross (Psalm 22). He stopped at each verse. All the time necessary for the Word to fall deep within him. Before the word Francis was, as always, without defense. He let it reach him with all his weight". Yes, like saint Francis we should look for peace, silence and not be in a hurry. Good examples are for instance, the book from which you read a page and let it fall to hear the inner song sing, and the canvas in front of which you stop, sit, and forget to move forward. I have a friend painter like that, from whom I have some paintings, she is pure slowness, in which a brushstroke is born from a great silence, prolonged.

In our days we are very often in a hurry, especially before God. It's easy to pretend to give God our human manners and believe we understand Him. But, in reality, what we do is introduce God into our haste instead of entering into his slowness, into his eternity... We are not educated for that. The 'letting go' is essential for growth in prayer and in our personal and spiritual life. It represents a counterculture that encounters difficulties because we simply tend to be and to live in a permanent hurry and it is what many psychiatrists call the 'pathology of haste'. In a 'comic' -as they say now-, and in a display of Socratic dialogue, one person hurriedly asked another:

- Where are you going?
- I don't know, but I'm in a hurry...

What a challenge to cultivate the ability to spend even five minutes, without inner haste and without defenses, in front of the Word of God.

Fr. Alex Reed

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella,

Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne K The Deceased: Albina Padilla, Neza Kastelic

Trivia Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Trivia Night last January 27th. We thank all those who volunteered and helped plan this night! We raised a total of \$735 for the parish! Thank you!

Pancake Tuesday

Join us for a delightful evening of community and pancakes at our Pancake Dinner on February 13th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. This event is not only a chance to savor delicious pancakes with various toppings but also an opportunity to support our parish through fundraising. Tickets can be purchased after each mass. Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to help; if you're interested in helping, please contact MJ. See you there!

Livestream for Sunday 10:00am Mass

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping run the livestream for the 10am mass on Sundays. Please send an email to Mj if you are interested!

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body collaborating with the Parish Priest on all matters related to the <u>pastoral life</u> of the parish. Fr. Bob extends an invitation to you to discern whether you feel called to serve the parish in this capacity and kindly request that you express your interest in writing. Please email your letter to the parish office within the week. For further details about the pastoral council, feel free to pick up an information sheet located near the offices or to speak with Fr. Bob.

Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. To register, please see our parish website.

10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10am Mass on www.joanofarc.ca

This Week

Sunday, February 4

1:00pm Potluck Lunch for Fr. Alex

Sunday, February 4

11:15a-12:15p First Communion class

Tuesday, February 6

4:15pm First Communion Class 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 6

Creation Care Meeting

Future Dates to Remember

February 13

6pm Pancake Dinner

February 14

5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

February 14

CWL Executive Meeting

February 24

3pm-5pm Youth Ministry gathering.

February 26

CWL General Meeting

| Monthly Offertory | | |
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| Offertory | Jan 2023 | Jan 2024 |
| Envelopes | \$ 5,798 | \$ 6,455 |
| Loose | \$ 1,049 | \$ 2,481 |
| PAG* | \$ 5,717 | \$ 6,314 |
| Total | \$ 12,564 | \$ 15,250 |

*Pre-Authorized Giving

Contributions to the **Building Maintenance Fund** for the month of January were \$2,528.

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