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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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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, January 24

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Psalm 89:19-25 Mark 3: 22-30 5:30 pm. Int. of the Perish Staff

5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

#### **Tuesday, January 25**

Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117:1,2

Mark 16: 15-18

5:30 pm For the Sick of the Parish

#### Wednesday, January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8 Psalm 96:1-3,7-8,10 Luke 10:1-9
5:30 pm Deceased Friars

#### Thursday, January 27

2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29 Psalm 132: 1-5, 11-14 Mark 4: 21-25 5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

#### Friday, January 28

2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17 Psalm 51: 1-5, 8-9 Mark 4 26-34 5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

#### Saturday, January 29

2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17 Psalm 51: 10-15 Mark 4: 35-41 5:30 pm Mervis Worotynec +

#### Sunday, January 30

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17- Psalm 71: 1-3,5-6, 15,17 1 Corin. 12:31, 13:13 Luke 4:21-30
10:00 am The Parish Community





## The Friar's Nook

As I write this, we are in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is something that's near and dear to the hearts of the Friars who work at Saint Joan of Arc because our founder, Father Paul Wattson, SA, was the propagator of this week of prayer celebration. He was an Anglican priest who together with Sister Lurana White, founded the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor. He was moved by the words of Jesus' own prayer "That all may be one, as you Father are in me, and I and you, I pray that they may be one in us, that the world may believe." Not only did he pray for unity, but he acted on those words of prayer and in 1909, the Society of the Atonement was corporately received, into the Roman Catholic Church and continued it's mission from within the Catholic Church.

The week of prayer was celebrated amongst the Friars and Sisters alone for many years with occasional like-minded people around the world picking it up as well. It eventually was adopted by the World Council of Churches as a universal week of prayer and now is celebrated the world over. Pretty auspicious for such small beginnings. But it just shows what the power of prayer can do. I have a childhood friend who is now a Lutheran pastor and he posted to his congregation on his Facebook page that "Anyone who thinks that making the sign of the cross when they pray is too Catholic should get over it!"

In fact, we can find all kinds of ways to differentiate ourselves from other Christians but that flies in the face of Christ's own prayer. He doesn't call us to distinguish ourselves one from another but rather to come together with our differences and make the world a better place -- bring about the Kingdom of God.

When I was working in England, I would hear many people complain that we didn't do mass in Latin anymore because that made us the same as the Anglicans. I tried to explain that it's not the language we use but much more that makes us different from the Anglicans, but we are working to come together not to separate ourselves from each other. When I was working in North Carolina, I was asked by a teenager what was the difference between being a Catholic and being a Christian. Mind you at the time North Carolina was only two percent Catholic. No matter what I said, I could not seem to convince him that Catholics are Christian. He was brought up to believe that they weren't, and he couldn't wrap his mind around the fact that they might be. It was there that I realized that the best we can do apart from prayer is to be the best people we can be and show Christ as generously as possible in our world. Then and only then will people seek to be like us and will unity be possible. It may take several generations for this to happen as this youngster questioned something his parents probably never questioned. Maybe his child will take a step beyond that and recognize our universal call to Christianity.

I must admit that the Friars work for Christian unity was one of the things that drew me to them. In a world where we so often divide one another politically, racially, ethnically, and religiously I found it refreshing to be with a group who sought to breakdown barriers. It is one of the reasons why the sign out in front of our church says all are welcome. We must both pray and work for the unity that Christ himself prayed for.

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Let us be one in Him

Fr. Bob

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

The Sick:

The Deceased: John L. Kelly

#### **Friars Student Writing Contest 2022**

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement-Graymoor, the Office for Promoting Christian Unity of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and The Catholic Register are proud to present the 2022 Friars' Student Writing Contest. "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." – Matthew 2:2

Essay Question: Read Matthew 2:1-12, consult the resources for the Writing Contest 2022, and the programs of the Office for Christian Unity, and submit a 450-500-word essay that answers this question: How can unity among Christians help overcome the forces of darkness in the world and bring the nations to the light of Christ? What is being done by the Christians journeying and acting together in the name of Jesus? What more needs to be done? Discuss with examples from your personal experience and the life of the Church.

. Deadline for entries is Monday, February 14, 2022. Entries are to be submitted online by going to the Archdiocese website/ Friars Student writing

Please copy-paste your essay into the provided field.

#### **Celebration of Marriage Mass**

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St, Toronto at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows. Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple will be able to register to attend (for a total of a group of 3). Other couples, family, and friends are welcome to participate in the celebration via the Livestream. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration will close on February 4, 2022, or when we reach maximum capacity at the Cathedral. We look forward to meeting and serving all the married couples who have registered for this event.

#### Week of Christian Unity –Jan 18th – 25th, 2022

Join His Eminence Cardinal Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church in Toronto (today-Jan 23rd @ 4pm), to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook.

#### The 10 am Sunday Mass

Is live streamed on our Facebook page.

#### **Bible Study**

You can attend St. Joan of Arc's Bible study from the comfort of your own home. Fr. Bob invites you to join him, Wednesdays at 2:00 pm on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

#### **2022 Sunday Missals**

Sunday missals are available from the parish office for \$5.00 each. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### Prayer to St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc, pray for ys that we, like you, may receive the merciful gift of courage from Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To learn and do His will. St. Joan pray for us that we, like you, may remain pure and steadfast in the face of all the temptations that we must endure in everyday life. St. n, pray for us that we, like you, may never lose sight of God's Will, though we are persecuted and criticized by the world. And finally, St. Joan, Shepherdess, liberator and martyr, pray that we, also like you may never lose our humanity and sense of humour in pursing Our Lord's Will. Amen!



Jesus read the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah



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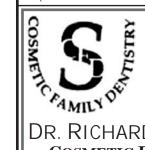
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