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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

Ushers: Call the office

# 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

# 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

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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

Monday, January 25
Acts 22:3-16 Acts 9: 1-22
Psalm 117:1-2 Mark 16:15-18
5:30 pm Deceased Friars

<u>Tuesday, January 26</u> <u>Hebrews 10:1-10 Psalm 40:1,3,6-7,9,10 Mark 3:31-35</u> 5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Wednesday, January 27
Hebrews 10:11-18 Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 4:1-120
5:30 pm Jan Pabian +

Thursday, January 28
Hebrews 10:19-25 Psalm 24: 1-6
Mark 4:21-25
5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

Friday, January 29
Hebrews 10:32-39 Psalm 37 3-6,23-24, 39-40 Mark 4: 26-34
5:30 pm Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, January 30 Hebrews 11;1-2, 8-19 Psalm 11:69-75 Mark 4:35-41 5:30 pm A Special Intention

<u>Sunday, January 31</u> <u>Deut.18:15-20</u> Psalm 95 1-2, 6-9 1 Corn. 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28 10:00 am Int. of Mary De Lac





# The Friar's Nook

As many of you know, Fr. Paul Wattson, SA started the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. What you might not know is that he did this as an Anglican priest! He felt strongly that he was called to found a community to work for unity in the Church, especially with the Roman Catholic Church. Born in the late 1800's into a world where Christianity was divided into many churches that competed with or were at odds with each other. He knew that there was one Christ and there should be one church, thus he began a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This eventually led him to bring his community into the Roman Catholic Church. The Church welcomed him and his community and eventually embraced the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity!

We are in the midst of that week. Unity is something we need in our lives and in our church, not just between churches. There are divisions within the Catholic church, in our political lives, and in our personal lives. We have the same call as Fr. Paul had – Jesus' prayer "That all may be one, as you and I are one. That they may be one in us that the world may believe." (John 17:21) Jesus himself prayed to the Father for us! He came to bring peace – the peace that passes all understanding. That is the peace and unity of God Himself!

Churches throughout the world are praying this week for this unity but as we know the only way to get to this is to let go of our own agendas and seek God's agenda. That can mean letting go of what we like or want or trying to force it onto others because "it is right". This past week I encountered a former parishioner who left St. Joan of Arc because we didn't receive communion "right"! If we can't get along with each other what chance does God's Church stand. The friars have learned this over the past hundred years so that our ministry has expanded to include healing and reconciliation — psychologically and pastorally — because we can only be one with each other if we find that unity and peace in ourselves.

As we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, I invite you to look into yourselves to see where any disunity lies and pray for God's help in bringing His peace. Ultimately Jesus prayer for unity "that the world might believe." If we are to be examples of Christian service then we need to be that city on a hill, that light on a lampstand, shining God's light to the world. As it says on our signs at St. Joan of Arc – "All are Welcome". We need to mean it and to show it both as individuals and as a parish. That means seeking God's will for us together. I am comforted to know the many people who are working behind the scenes to make that happen. Since we can't be as one in the church building, all the more do we need to seek and show this unity in our lives wherever we are.

I hope and pray for an increase in that unity that Christ himself prayed for, in our world, in our faith, in our church, in our families, in our lives, and in ourselves. I think we will all feel a bit foolish in heaven when we reflect on what we thought was important in this life. I continue to try my best to reach out to you during this time. According to Facebook, 1,450 users watched last Sunday's Mass! I realize that they are all over the world, but I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Pray for unity and peace, Fr. Bob

## The Annual Week of Prayer Service

for the Greater Toronto Area-Today- Sunday January 24, 2021 4:00 p.m. Please join us virtually at:

facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch

This event is hosted by the Salvation Army and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Chur

### **OnLine Bereavement Programme**

The New Beginnings Bereavement Programme offers both men and women a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non judgemental. The program 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include audio/video media, handouts and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion. Goals: \*understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning. \*Explaining the transition dynamics of loss.\*Developing skills for emotional management and practical care.\*Renewing faith and rediscover of personal spirituality. For more information contact: Arcangelo (416 921 1163 ext 2225 or alimlanni@cfstoronto.com

## THE FRIARS STUDENT 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) Contest Rules: All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit. Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essay must be between 450 to 500 words in length and submitted on or before the contest closing date of Feb. 15, 2021. Entries must include contestant's full name, email address, phone number and name of your school on the front page of your essay. Submission Deadline: Monday, February 15, 2021. Submit essays by E-mail: Re: "Friars' Contest" to editor@catholicregister.org For information: 416-934-3400 (x 527) or 1-855-441-4077 (x 401) For contest details & resources please visit: www.catholicregister.org/writingaward &

http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/en.html

#### **Envelope Users**

2021 Envelopes can still be collected. Rosanne can put your box in the mailbox, so you don't even have to enter the church building. Just give her a call. When using the envelopes

Please print your information on your envelopes for the first couple of weeks. Numbers have changed for those who used numbers over #400. Thank you!

### OFFICE INFORMATION 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

**2021 SUNDAY MISSALS:** are available from the office for \$5.00 each. When Rosanne is in.

#### **MASSES**

We are still accepting requests for mass intentions.

# SOCIAL DISTANCING IS PRACTICED AT THE PARISH

When you come to the office to collect something, we put it in the mailbox for you to collect. If you owe us money, for example for a mass, we will put the card in the mailbox, and ask you put the money in the mailbox and ring the bell, so we can collect it once you are away from the door. The same is done for offertory envelopes.

#### **2021 IS HERE!**

The books **have been closed for 2020** as of January 14<sup>th</sup>. Anything received after that date will be recorded for 2021.

## **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

For those who are wondering about Fair Trade products--Development and Peace will be selling them as usual once we can all gather again on Sundays.

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