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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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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

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

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

Monday, January 10

1 Samuel 1:1-8 Psalm 116:12-14,17-19 Mark 1:14-20

5:30 pm Georgette Taylor +

Tuesday, January 11

1 Samuel 1:9-20 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7 Mark 1:21-28

5:30 pm Int. of Ivan & Suzanne Blondic

Wednesday, January 12

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Psalm 40:1-4,6-9 Mark 1:29-39

5:30 pm Sick of the Parish

Thursday, January 13

1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm 44:9-10,13-14, 23-24 Mark 1:40-45

5:30 pm David & Haramina Stepan

Friday, January 14

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Psalm 89:15-18 Mark 2:1-12

5:30 pm Elizabeth Gonzales +

Saturday, January 15

1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19, 10:1 Psalm 21 1-6 Mark 2:13-17

5:30 pm Elizabeth Gonzales +

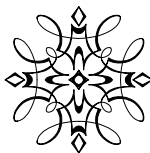
Sunday, January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 96 1-4, 7-10 1 Corin. 12:4-11 John 2:1-12

10:00 am The Parish Community



Baptism of our Lord



The Friar's Nook

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for the cards and presents I got for Christmas, they remind me that even with restrictions on attendance that you are still out there and that you care. Trust me, it was just such care that got me through waiting five hours in line to get a COVID test to return to Canada. I also wish to thank you for Sonya as she now has a full cabinet of treats! She's becoming more and more comfortable with the people of the parish, which is nice, but sometimes as you've seen I need to restrain her from going to thank you personally during Mass. She's a funny girl.

As I write this, we move back into a more restricted COVID environment because of the latest strain. I encourage you to get vaccinated if you haven't already and get your booster if you have. I know of someone who has had COVID twice! He is not vaccinated and doesn't plan to be, saying that he knows people who have been vaccinated and still got sick. I reminded him but the vaccine doesn't make us impervious to the virus but increases our chances of living through the virus, but he's going to believe what he believes.

As I said in my New Year's Day homily, there are no promises for 2022. But we shouldn't get depressed about it. One thing we can count on for sure is that no matter what happens this coming year, God is with us. I was talking to someone who claims to be a realist rather than the optimist that I try to be, and I reminded him that as a person of faith a realist needs to believe in the reality of God's love which we celebrate at Christmas. Point for me.

I do hope that this year is filled with blessings for you, and I long to see the time when the church is filled, and we gather in the hall to celebrate. Maybe this year. I would say it's hard keeping up the parish during this time with all the changes, but I haven't known anything different, so it seems the same. I still struggle with live streaming the Holy day and Sunday Masses, and I continue to do Bible study online on Wednesdays for those who are interested. I hear confessions by appointment, and I've had baptisms almost every Saturday. We have been able to do first confessions, first communions, and confirmations as well as weddings and funerals. These have all been altered by the pandemic, but we forge ahead as best we can, and God truly is with us.

I don't have to be away from the parish until mid-February, so I get some uninterrupted time with Sonya and you. If you can think of any other ways we can stay connected as a community during this time, please let me know. I would be remiss in forgetting to thank all those who make Mass possible, the fleet of ushers, the music people both here and online, and Kelly who runs the camera for me. They not only enable us to celebrate Mass together weather in person or online, but they make my job so much easier.

Let us pray for each other this year, that we may be together again soon. I know I plan on partying when this is over, and I look forward to coming to parties at your houses to celebrate and rejoice.
Stay safe, healthy, and loved!

Fr. Bob

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Mary De Lac

The Deceased: John Kelly

A REMINDER

If you arrive at the church and the doors are locked, it is because we at full capacity or mass has started. Please do not bang on the doors, they will not be opened! Please arrive early!

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.

Prizes: 1st Place Prize: HP Pavilion 14 Touchscreen 2-in-1 Laptop;

2nd Place Prize: Samsung Galaxy Watch4 40mm Smartwatch; **3rd**

Place Prize: Apple Air Pods In-Ear Truly Wireless Headphones

Contest Rules:

1) The essay should focus on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2). 2) The contestants should consult the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and submit a 450-500-word essay that answers the above question.

Contestants must be 13-19 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. The essay must be submitted on or before Monday, February 14, 2022, by 2:00pm EST. Late entries will not be included in the Writing Contest.

Entries must include the contestant's full name, email address, phone number and the name of their school.

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.

Entries are to be submitted online. Details for submitting will be in the next bulletin.

Sunday Liturgy

The 10 am Mass is live streamed on our Facebook page.

2022 Sunday Missals

Are available from the parish office, \$5.00 per copy.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

So few boxes for 2021 were collected from the parish hall, we are not getting boxes for 2022. You may use your 2021 envelopes or use plain envelopes with your number and name written on them for the weeks you don't have one. This will save the parish money.

If you did not collect your 2021 box, it is still in the parish hall. You can still collect them and start using them now and next year.

If you didn't have a box, you can request one from the office.

If you are giving for more than one week, one envelope is sufficient.

PLEASE NOTE: If your box number was higher than 400, you will have a new number.

A Prayer for the New Year

God thank you for the new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin a new with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with You now, and one day at a time. Amen





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