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Fourth Sunday of Lent



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 31

5:30pm For the Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, April 1

5:30pm Deceased of the Parish †

Wednesday, April 2

5:30pm Deceased Friars †

Thursday, April 3

5:30pm Int. of Parish Staff

Friday, April 4

5:30pm Int. of the Friars

Saturday, April 5

5:30pm Patricia Lobraico †

Sunday, April 6

10am The Parish Community

12pm Our Confirmation Class

SANCTUARY LAMP

(March 31 – April 6)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for
Ella and Hubert Muciek.
(*req. Helen Poter*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Pope Francis
Nilton Alves Gomes
Ken Francis
Virginia Kiflit

The Deceased

Al Jacob
Mario Lo Bianco
Patricia Lobraico
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
Blanca Cecilia Munoz Garcia
Alicja Wrona



The Friar's Nook

The second liturgical colour I wish to discuss this week with you is purple, which we find ourselves using during this season of Lent.

Did you know? Purple liturgical vestments are used in Masses for the so-called "strong seasons" – Advent and Lent – and for the dead. This is because, "it is a discreet and serious colour. It symbolizes austerity, penitence, spiritual deepening, and preparation. Purple is obtained from the combination of red and blue. In this mixture, some authors see the union between the colour red, which symbolizes love, and blue, which symbolizes immortality. Others see the union between heaven, which is represented in blue, and red, which represents the earth."

In this sense, the colour purple in Masses for the dead awakens in us a supernatural vision, the closeness of God, in the face of the reality of death. At the same time, during the important seasons, purple maintains the spirit of penance to which the Church invites us during these periods.

However, the colour pink may optionally be used on Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Lent) to remind fasters and penitents of the proximity of Christmas and Easter, and therefore the cessation of penance.

However, we must always be clear that the use of pink vestments and ornaments is always an option and not an obligation; therefore, it is still possible to continue wearing purple on these two Sundays in particular.

Furthermore, we must know that blue vestments are also permitted during Advent to express the joyful anticipation of the Nativity.

We will continue to explore the significance and importance of more liturgical colours in future editions of the Friar's Nook. More to come!

Fr. Alexander



**TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope**



Turn Debt into Hope # 3

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. On **April 26/27**, we invite you to sign the D&P initiative to advocate for justice and sustainable alternatives.



ShareLife Parish Campaign (March 29/30)

This weekend marks the beginning of the annual ShareLife campaign. The annual ShareLife appeal is a reminder that we are not a congregational Church and that we belong to a greater community that needs our support. This appeal is a visible sign of our values and commitment to caring for the gathered and reaching the scattered. Our Parish Goal for 2025 is **\$46,000**. There will be plenty of opportunities between now and the campaign ending in October to participate. If you're able to give, **please be generous**.

Welcome Bishop Robert Kasun! (March 31)

Our Parish community is pleased to welcome Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, our regional bishop for St. Joan of Arc Parish. He will celebrate Eucharist with us at 5:30pm on Monday, March 31, and will meet with our Pastoral Council and Finance Committee for a time of fellowship, prayer and discussion. We look forward to his presence among us and will share any and all updates with our community, as they become available. Stay tuned!

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage (Apr. 4)

Parishioners are invited to participate in our parish pilgrimage to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (3055 Bloor St. West) this coming Friday. We will take part in reciting the Rosary at 8:25am, followed by Mass at 9:00am. Parishioners may travel to OLS Church on their own by whatever means they wish, or you may join us in gathering at St. Joan of Arc Parish at 7:45am. Together, we will take the subway to Royal York. Please join us.

Chorale Presentation by St. Michael's Choir School (Apr. 4)

We are pleased to welcome a number of students from Toronto's *St. Michael's Choir School* who will sing the Mass alongside our community. Special thanks to Gr. 12 student (and parishioner) Davide Bordegari for the gift of this evening. Please join us in prayer and song this night, as we welcome them to our parish. There is no charge to attend.

Master the Art of Pysanky: A Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop (Apr. 12)

Learn the ancient art of Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating-- a sacred and meditative practice! Oksana Hawrylak and Cyndy O'Grady will guide you through all the steps of transforming a plain egg into a work of art. Join us on Apr. 12 from 10am – 1pm in the Parish Hall. \$30 per person. Registration can be done in the parish hall after Mass or through the parish office during the week. A perfect opportunity to learn this form of art!

Continue sharing your Lenten Intentions with us!

Don't forget to share your Lenten intentions, thoughts and prayers by writing them down on "intention slips" at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to place their filled in, tightly folded intentions in the baptismal font on the altar throughout the season of Lent. Enter them as often as you'd like! On Holy Saturday, these intentions will form the kindling!

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for March 22/23	
Expenses	\$7875
Envelopes	\$1282
Loose	+ \$812
PAG (wk)	+ \$1379
Online	+ \$499
Received	= \$3972
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** We require \$7875 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our basic parish expenses.

From the beginning of the year until this weekend, we are **\$27,522.60 short of making our 2025 budget**. Thank you for your support.

COMING UP AT **ST. JOAN OF ARC**

Apr. 4 – Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to OLS (7:45am)

Apr. 4 – St. Michael's Choir School Chorale during the 5:30pm Mass

Apr. 12 – Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop (10 – 1)

Apr. 12 – Confirmation Rehearsal (2:00pm)

Apr. 15 – Parish Dramatization of the Stations of the Cross by BMTM Students (7pm)

April 24 – Merrymakers Luncheon (12pm)

**Tickets on sale next week*

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