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Altar Servers
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Catrina Bova

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

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
9:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesdays - 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 1003, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob or Fr. Alex 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

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.dev.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 1:00 PM



MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, March 10

5:30pm Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, March 11

5:30pm Int. of the Friars

Wednesday, March 12

5:30pm Our Religious Ed Teachers

Thursday, March 13

5:30pm For Good Health

Friday, March 14

5:30pm Int. of the Parish Staff

Saturday, March 15

5:30pm Gary Hunt †

Sunday, March 16

10am Patricia Martin †

12pm Joseph for Good Health

SANCTUARY LAMP

(March 9 – 15)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for the intention of
Annemarie & Sebastien Winsor
(*req. Mila Dacanay*).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Pope Francis,
Nilton Alves Gomes, Ken Francis,
Martin Rodrigues, Cecilia Salazar,
Maryann Chard, Mark Szuba
Virginia Kiflit, Mary Kelly

The Deceased:
Nancy Ocampo
Genoveva Tuazon
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
Blanca Cecilia Munoz Garcia
Alicja Wrona

Birthdays in March:

Fr. Bob and Fr. Alex



The Friar's Nook

Welcome to the season of Lent. This period in the liturgical calendar recalls the 40 days when Jesus went into the desert to prepare for His earthly ministry. When he came out of that 40-day period, the power of God was revealed in Him through signs and miracles. We're called to that same 40 days - to prepare ourselves to experience and use the power of God. This should not be a time of waiting for God to work in our lives, but rather for preparing our lives to bring the power of God in our lives to the world. We may not be able to do the miracles that Jesus performed, but with Him in us, we are called to show the goodness, the love and the power of God to the world.

While I was saying Mass over at the high school on Ash Wednesday, it occurred to me that we don't have a convenient desert to go out to and pray for 40 days. As I looked at the students, with their headphones, earbuds and smartphones, I remember how I, too, would fill the silence with noise. I think that the bigger challenge for us during Lent is to bring the desert to us, in that we might truly find that quietness while hearing the voice of God. If we practice during Lent to listen to God's voice in our lives, we will hear the challenge that He offers us – a challenge that calls us to show the power and bring the presence of God to all people.

Pope Francis challenges us, "Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. God challenges us to cooperate with others and welcome them with concrete signs of His love in action in our community.

As we empty ourselves (kenosis) during Lent, let us remember to pick up the things of God along the way. Otherwise, we may go back to our old selves when Easter arrives. So, let's not give up sin and selfishness for Lent only to pick it up after Easter! The Lord is waiting to fill us! Let us listen in the deserts of our hearts that we might trade our ways for the ways of the Lord.

Fr. Bob

Introducing our new Parish Manager!

Dear Friends in Faith,

It is a joy to step into the role of Parish Manager in a community that has been my spiritual home. As a fellow parishioner, I have been blessed by the warmth, friendship and welcoming spirit that makes our parish so special. I am honoured to serve in a new way, supporting our work together to grow in faith and fellowship.

I look forward to working alongside you and ensuring that our parish remains a welcoming and vibrant place for all. My door is always open – please don't hesitate to reach out, share your thoughts or say hello.

With gratitude, Joanna Harshman (ext. 1005)



Green gives Way to Purple

On Ash Wednesday, the green of Ordinary Time gave way to the purple of Lent. This somber colour invites us to reflect on our lives as we journey towards the white and gold of Easter. It challenges us to adopt a more subdued schedule in our daily lives. During Lent, there are no flowers in the Church, the Gloria is not sung at Sunday Mass, purple vestments are used and the sound of the Alleluia disappears until Easter!

Lenten Update from your Art & Environment Team

Starting this weekend, parishioners are invited to share their Lenten intentions, thoughts and prayers anonymously 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 Lent. Enter them as often as you'd like! On Holy Saturday, these intentions will form the kindling for the Blessing of the Fire outside of the Church – the rising smoke symbolically carrying our intentions to heaven.

Stations of the Cross (every Friday during Lent)

A reminder that during the season of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross following the 5:30pm Mass. Stations on March 14 will be led by our Catholic Women's League.

Development and Peace Lent '25: Turn Debt Into Hope

An informative and fun *Solidarity Calendar* is in the brochure you received, allowing you to journey through the 40 days of Lent. Great to put on your fridge and one for the family!

Have you received your Tax Receipt?

Charitable tax receipts for donations given in 2024 have been mailed to you. If there is a discrepancy with your receipt or you haven't received yours, please contact Anne Francis.

Presentation on Christian/Jewish Relations (Mar. 29)

In 2025, we are joining with the whole Church, as Pilgrims of Hope, in celebrating the Second Vatican Council's historic teaching of *Nostra Aetate #4*: The Catholic Church's relationship with the Jewish people. Come and hear from *Mia Theocharis* (Key moments in Catholic-Jewish Relations) as well as *Murray Watson* (Significant Links between Passover and Easter). Happening from 9:30am – 12:00pm in the Hall. Light refreshments Are included and the day is sponsored by the Sisters of Sion. All are Welcome!

Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage (Apr. 4)

Parishioners are invited to participate in a walking pilgrimage to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (3055 Bloor St. West) on Friday, April 4. We will participate in the reciting of 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 7:30am. Together, we will take the subway to Royal York. Please join us!

Your Gifts to God (\$)

...for March 1/2	
Expenses	\$6300 *
Envelopes	\$1480
Loose	+ \$763
PAG (wk)	+ \$1353
Online	N/A
Received	= \$3596
Short	- \$2704

* We require \$6300 a week in March (\$31,500 a month) to cover expenses.

Thank you for supporting SJA's mission with your donations! Together, we are making our parish a place of grace for all – no exceptions.

COMING UP AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

Mar. 20 – Merrymakers Mass & Luncheon (12pm)

Mar. 29 – Parish Presentation on Christian and Jewish Relations

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

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

Apr. 12 – Confirmation Rehearsal (2pm)

May 3 – First Communion Rehearsal (2pm)

For these events and more, visit our virtual calendar at joanofarc.ca.



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