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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

Lectors:
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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
9:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesdays - Closed

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.devp.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, May 12

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 2)

Tuesday, May 13

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 3)

Wednesday, May 14

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 4)

Thursday, May 15

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 5)

Friday, May 16

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 6)

Saturday, May 17

2:00pm Confirmation Mass

5:30pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 7)

Sunday, May 18

10am Natasha Joseph †
& for Francina's Good Health

12pm Mother's Day Novena (Mass 8)

SANCTUARY LAMP

(May 11 – May 17)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for First Communion Children.
Please keep them in your prayer.

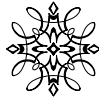
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Ken Francis
John Graham

The Deceased

Pope Francis
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
John Scali
Genoveva Tuazon
Olga Pugliese



The Friar's Nook

Happy Mother's Day! I was lucky growing up because I knew at a very early age how important my mother was to me. She was a very loving person to everybody but especially to us children and although I couldn't express it, I knew how important it was to me. When I was two years old my mother's older sister died as a result of surgery leaving behind six children the youngest being also two years of age. I didn't know what it was like for him to not have a mother, but I knew what it was like for me to have one and was convicted to make sure that he didn't miss out on the good things having a mother meant to me. To make sure of this I often asked my mother to bring him to do fun things with us.

I must admit that I was surprised that when I told him I was going into the seminary, he sat down and went over all the things that I did for him when he was growing up. He remembered things that I had long forgotten about. I know it sounds strange, but I felt like a mother at that moment. I realized that I have been very fortunate in my life as not only have I had a birth mother, but I've also had lots of other mothers along the way. My aunt Helen who lived next door served as the backup mom to me if I wanted a second opinion on something. She always took my side. A friend of the family who had five children over on also used her mothering on me to teach me many things most of all respect. My sisters, while I had no use for them as a child, took on a mothering role to me as I grew up. Thus, I have been reminded that we are all called to show that love, compassion and support for each other whether we are biologically a mother or even biologically a woman!

When I look to Jesus, I see the love he showed to everyone especially to his own children, his disciples. He never gave up on them always allowed them to start over again and assured them of his love no matter what. God the father sent him to us to be an example not only of his love for us but the love we are called to show to one another. Let me use this Mother's Day as an example to you how I've tried to love you. I have tried to show a mother's love, although I'm sure I don't love as well as my own mother did, and I am proud to see where the parish has come and where it is going.

If you've learned anything from me, let it be the love and care, but I have tried to show as an example to you that you may show that same love and care to each other, especially when it's difficult. My mother always forgave, Jesus always forgave, and the love we are called to show should remind us that we are called to forgive and to love as moms.

Blessings and love!

Fr. Bob

May 10/11, 2025



10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' letter on care for our common home

Laudato Si', Pope Francis' letter on care for our common home, was published in 2015 and influenced negotiations for the Paris Climate Agreement. It also inspired a growing global Catholic movement of prayer and action to protect our common home. "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #13

Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' with Creation Care Ministry on Sunday **May 25th after the 10 AM mass**. Visit our table in the hall and join us on a prayer walk of gratitude and care for creation starting outside the church and through High Park, or for a short film and conversation during coffee ministry (rain plan). More details will be posted on our bulletin board in the parish hall.

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Congratulations to the First Communion Children

Receiving your First Holy Communion is a beautiful and sacred moment—a time to celebrate your growing friendship with Jesus and your place in the family of God. May this special day fill your hearts with peace, joy, and love, and may you always feel close to Jesus in the Eucharist. Keep shining your light and walking in faith!

Elysse Wynona Alderton
Rohan Brian Argent-Katwala
Victoria Correia
Violet Barbara Esmerita Couto
Lucas James Grace
Amelia Gronfeldt
Renee Hindman
Henrik Klizs
Zeni Reign Macatingaro
Leah Michael

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Tessa Morgan
Arielle Marie A. Musial
Alexander James Rocha
Oliver Zamecnik Sharma
Emma Slowey
Hannah Straatsma
Logan David Neto Vareiro
Sebatian Villanueva



Merrymaker's Mass & Luncheon (May 15)

Join us on Wednesday, May 15. Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase after each weekend Mass at the back of the church. This month's menu is mac&cheese, salad and blueberry crumble pie. All are welcome!

Thank You! Thank you! Thank you!

I thank everyone for the great party last week! Asia and Juanita for twisting my arm to agree to a party to start with. I understand that Fr. Bob was at Asia to twist my arm a little tighter to get a yes. It was so nice to see the secret meeting come to light. (they thought I didn't see them hiding in the kitchen). Arturo was a great MC for the evening. The kitchen volunteers put on a great spread. C.W.L. and Golden Girls worked behind the scenes as well. There are too many to mention here. Thank you one and all! See you in church! Back to being an active parishioner. *Rosanne Kelly*

German baking open classes Classes are canceled this week.

Next class will be on May 20, and Fr. Alex will be teaching Poppy Seed Roll.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for May 3/4	
Expenses	\$7288
Envelopes	\$2005
Loose	+ \$ 842
PAG (wk)	+\$1790
Online	\$96
Received	= \$4733
Short	- \$2555

** We require \$7288 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our basic parish expenses.

Your generosity helps us to make our community alive through various liturgies and many outreach initiatives.

Thank you for your support.

MAY AT A GLANCE

May 11 – Mother's Day
Novena Starts

May 13 – Euchre Playing
(1:30pm)

May 14 – CWL Executive
Meeting (1:30pm)

May 15 – Merrymakers
Mass & Luncheon (12pm)

May 17 – Confirmation (2pm)

May 20 – German baking
classes (7pm)

May 24/25 – Fair Trade

May 25 – A prayer walk
with Creation Care Ministry
(after 10am Mass)

May 24-26 – Sacred Shifts:
Parish Reflection Days

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