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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.

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

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Langone, SA Pastor (ext. 226) frbob@joanofarc.ca

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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

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is

BAPTISMS

born. Please contact ext. 222, for

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

> of the Sick: To arrange for a visit

Call the office ext. 221

more information.

Pastoral Visitation

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, November 15

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57, 62-64 Psalm 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 1551158 Luke 18: 35-43 5:30 pm Carmel Whelton +

Tuesday, November 16
2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Psalm 3:1-6
Luke 19:1-10

5:30 pm Antonio Vingada +

Wednesday, November 17
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Psalm 17:
1, 5-6,8,15 Luke 19:11-28

5:30 pm Bud Harach +

Thursday, November 18

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50 1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44 5:30 pm Daniel Olmedo +

Friday, November 19

1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9:1-3,5,16,18 Luke 20:27-40 5:30 pm Dagmar Berkova

Saturday, November 20

1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9:1-3,5,16,18 Luke 20:27-40 5:30 pm David MacDonald +

Sunday, November 21

Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 93 1-2, 5 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37 10:00 am The Parish Community





The Friar's Nook

Last week the Hindus celebrated festival called Diwali. Before I get into this, it reminded me of an experience I had when living in New York. I was taking a cab from the train station with several other riders one of whom was Hindi. As we were approaching his apartment the cab driver asked which one it was, since it was in was December and many were decorated with Christmas lights. He pointed out his balcony and said, "The one with no lights." The cab driver asked, "How come you don't have any Christmas lights up?" He proclaimed, "I'm not Christian, I'm Hindu." The cab driver, being at least a nominal Catholic said, "I wouldn't want to belong to our religion that didn't have lights." I tried not to laugh out loud at the naivete of his saying but as Diwali was celebrated this week, I am reminded that they do in fact have lights, just not at Christmas.

Diwali is a festival of light. Light that conquers the darkness symbolizing goodness conquering evil. So, it seems appropriate to celebrate that. As I begin Bible study on John's gospel, I reminded that John says that so frequently, "The light came into the world and the darkness did not overcome it." We believe as Christians that Jesus is the light of the world, but also as Christians Christ entrusted us to be light to the world. Not to shine our own light as some would do, but rather to reflect the light of Christ in our lives that the world may be illumined by the goodness of God. And as we see from this celebration of Diwali, our faith is not alone in recognizing the need for light and goodness in our world. Most of the world's religions call for that. When I was working at our retreat centre at Graymoor, we were close to a Buddhist monastery. We visited them regularly and vice versa and I noticed the Buddhist monks, both male and female are called monks, wore beads hanging from their belts. Since I knew they didn't pray the rosary, I asked one time what the beads were for. It was explained to me that there are 144 beads that represent the 144 defilements. They use them to remind them to pray against these defilements.

Thanks to the Internet I looked up the 144 defilements and found them to be a wonderful examination of conscience. They pray against hatred, anger, ignorance, hunger, deprivation, obstinance, and so on. In fact, I went on to use these 144 defilements for people in 12 step retreats who are trying to make a fearless moral inventory of their lives. It was a wonderful help to them in their program. I would encourage you to take the time and look them up. They can really help you evaluate yourself as to how you're doing in living you're call to shine the light of Christ in your lives.

As the days grow shorter and the world grows darker this should be a good reminder to us of the need to shine that light in our lives. We can turn back the clocks one hour and shift the light around but that's like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic as it sinks. The encroaching darkness that comes during this season can serve us as a good reminder of the need for the light of God in our lives and in our world. It should also remind us that we can't simply hope for the light to appear, although we wait for the second coming of Christ, but rather make the light shine in ourselves and to others.

and in our world. It should also remind us that we can't simply hope for the light to appear, although we wait for the second coming of As we begin to see Christmas lights start to go up and perhaps are delighted in the decorating of the season. It should remind us, each time we look on a light to examine ourselves and see how well our lights are shining. One way is that we are welcoming singing back in church! You still need to wear your masks, so sing loudly.

Let us look for continued ways to shine His light in our world these next few months

Fr. Вов

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Mary de Lac

The Deceased: Joseph Darmody & Richard Pakula

People & Planet First

A major focus of Development & and Peace - Caritas Canada's People & Planet First campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians will sign a petition asking the government to enact such a law. Together we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives. We invite you to sign the petition at church and/or return signed petitions next weekend, Nov. 20/21 - The Feast of Christ the King.

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (through adult baptism or entering full communion in the Catholic Church) or learning more about Catholicism, please contact the parish office.

Join us in celebrating Mary, Cause of our Joy,

namesake of our Magnificat Toronto Chapter. With Mass presided by Fr. Frank Kelly, SDB Praise and Worship Music led by *Ana Da Costa* and Personal Testimony of Mary Filangi, founder, Women of the Word Saturday November 13, 2021 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Doors open at 9:30 am St. Benedict Church, 2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON Come, magnify the Lord with us! Seat Reservation Required: Contact FEIONA: 416-846-4068. magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com Cost: \$15 each payable at the door CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY! Capacity restrictions require that seats be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Mask required.

SVDP Bundle Weekend

The SVDP of St. Joan of Arc will be holding their Fall Bundle Weekend, November 20;21, 2021. We will accept your gently used clothing and household items. See signs for more details.

2) Our conference has had a request for a Microwave, if you have one you would like to donate, please leave a message at ext. 232 and we will get back to you.

SUNDAY 10 LITURGY

Fr. Bob live stream's mass on the St. Joan of Arc Facebook page.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

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.

Important Message

If you are using box #408, please print your name on the envelope.

Future Dates to Remember

November 13 Shepherd's Trust Collection November 20-21 SVDP Bundle Weekend December 4-5 SVDP Christmas Monetary Collection

2021-2022 Sunday Missals

Are now available from the parish office \$5.00 each.

Aid to Women Online Christmas

Toy Auction Get a head start on Christmas shopping and help Aid to Women provide much needed support to mothers in crisis and their babies. From November 19-21, bid online on a collection of wonderful brand-new toys straight from the manufacturer ... Fisher Price, Mattel, Hasbro and more! http://www.charityauction.bid/toysll proceeds support Aid to Women in providing material and financial support to mothers in need and their babies. Please help Aid to Women save these precious children and keep moms cared for. You can make a difference.

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