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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

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

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 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 and Thursday 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Closed Wednesday mornings

> Wednesday afternoons 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM 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 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 4:00 PM



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 26 CHRIST THE KING

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-6 1Cor15:20-26 Mt 25:31-46 10:00 am Marian Lechziolowski & Yolanta Sakowski 12:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Monday, November 27

Dn 1:1-16, 8-20 Dn 3:52,-56 Lk 21:1-4 5:30 pm Elizabeth Soundercookt

Tuesday, November 28

Dn 2:3-10 Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11 5:30 pm Louise Charron

Wednesday, November 29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19 5:30 pm Int. of Bozena R

Thursday, November 30

Rm 10:9-18 Ps 19: 1-4 Mt 4:18-22 5:30 pm Int. of Bozena and family

Friday, December 1

Dn 7:1-14 Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33 5:30 pm Int. of Sylvester Potoczny

Saturday, December 2

Dn 7: 15-27 Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36 5:30 pm Parish Community





The Friar's Nook

PREPARE OUR HEARTS

Today is the last day of the church year. Next Sunday we begin the season of Advent. Don't let the fact that the streets are already decorated for Christmas fool you. Prior to Christmas is a season that is there for us to ready ourselves to celebrate Christmas. Obviously, the world wishes to push this because they're into making money and they see Christmas as an opportunity to sell, sell, sell! But for a Christian to truly celebrate the Incarnation, the birth of the Lord, on Christmas, we need to ready ourselves. I have sadly heard many times people caught up in the ways of the world saying, "I can't wait for Christmas to be over". That's probably because they've been celebrating Christmas for over a month before Christmas has even arrived. I encourage you in the next few weeks to take the time to prepare yourself to receive "God with us."

I understand that preparing it's not something that comes naturally to all people. When I was a child, we always arrived at Mass early. In fact, we didn't even think it was early because we had things to do. We got to church, found our pew, and then prayed so that we would be ready for the celebration of Mass.

Running in at the last minute or even later never occurred to our family. And certainly, doesn't put us in a good position to celebrate the Eucharist. I try to make sure that the bulletins are not available before Mass because I see people out there reading the bulletin instead of attending to Mass! I can assure you that there is nothing so earth shattering in the bulletin that it matters more than the celebration of Mass. That is why they are available on the way out of the church that we may carry on our preparation through the week and be informed of what's going on in our parish so that we can participate in it.

So, I'm encouraging you to try, during the season of Advent to truly prepare for the Lord, not just at Christmas but each time you attend Mass. Come a few minutes before Mass is due to begin so that you may quiet yourself from the busyness of your lives and the world and take time to pray that you may truly be open to the Word of God and worthily celebrate the sacrament. I honestly think that you will get much more out of your celebration of Mass by doing so. I can't tell you the number of times when we have made announcements and I've had people ask me immediately after Mass about one of the things that was just announced.

When I point that out, they always tell me they were having difficulty hearing. I believe we have difficulty in **listening** not hearing. If we take the time to prepare whether it's for Sunday Mass or for the season of Christmas, that preparation will be

fruitful in us and in our parish. Give it a try,

Fr. Bob

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cingarella, Guillermo Medina, Michelle Rodrigues, Rose Menecola, Rosanne K

The Deceased: Frank Grech and Brendan Clough

St Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend

On behalf of the SVDP team, we would like to thank all parishioners for their support of our Bundle Up weekend.

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024: Nov 8, 2023 to Jan 15, 2024

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 2024 Friars' Student Writing Contest! The essay should focus on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the Gospel of Luke10:27, "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." Please read Luke 10:25-37 for a full insight of the parable. The contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 and submit a 450-500-word essay that answers the given focus question. Contestants must be 13-19 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Deadline for entries is Monday, January 15, 2024 at 2:00 pm EST. For more details, visit our parish website!

Essay Question: Luke 10:27 is taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan which carries a message of love, compassion, humility, mercy, and a culture of encounter for reconciliation and healing. How are you personally challenged to live this parable? And, in what ways can the churches work together to give witness to this good news in your city? Conclude your essay with a prayer, expressing hope for love in action, especially for those most wounded and in need of the healing of God from the disciples of Jesus.

Offertory Envelopes for 2024

As we were not open throughout the entirety of 2023, we encourage everyone to repurpose their collection envelopes for the upcoming year, 2024. This not only helps us minimize the waste of unused envelopes but also helps us to wisely manage our resources. If you require a new box, please notify MJ at the parish office.

Sunday Missals are available at the parish office for 5\$

10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our website

This Week

Monday, November 27 Catholic Women's League

5:30 pm Mass6:00 pm Social gathering7:00 pm General meeting

Thursday, November 30 7:30 pm R.C.I.A.

Future Dates to Remember

Saturday, December 2

2:30 pm Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

Sunday, December 3

SVDP Christmas Collection

Sunday, December 3

6pm Parish Community Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

Tuesday, December 7

6:30 pm Young Adults Night

A Prayer To Christ The King O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.



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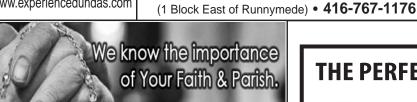
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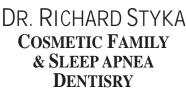
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