

St. Joan of Arc

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers Catrina Bova

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

Fax

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

<u>Sunday, April 14</u> Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:1-8 1Jn 2:1-5 *Lk* 24:35-48 10am Eric Ficker 12pm Danuta & Eugeniusz Krzywosz

<u>Monday, April 15</u> Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-30 Jn 6:22-29 5:30pm Int. of Stanley

<u>Tuesday, April 16</u>

Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:2cd-3, 5ab+6b+7a, 16+20ab Jn 6:30-35 5:30 pm Int. of Kevin & Kenneth Cornelius

<u>Wednesday, April 17</u> Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40 5:30 pm Souls in purgatory

<u>Thursday, April 18</u> Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17,20 Jn 6:44-51 5:30 pm Int. of Elizabeth

Friday, April 19 Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1,2 Jn 6:52-59 5:30 pm Gary Gira †

<u>Saturday, April 20</u> Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:53-69 5:30 pm Kathleen-Kasia Glab

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne Kelly, Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira.

The Deceased: Tom Moriarty †, Sharon Hrinco †



The Friar's Nook

In a Jewish Hasidic tale collected by Martin Buber and titled "The Game of Hide and Seek," Rabbi Baruch's grandson, an elderly rabbi, was playing hide-and-seek one day with another child. He hid for a long time thinking that his companion was looking for him until, tired of waiting, he came out of his hiding place and ran crying to tell his grandfather, the old rabbi, that his friend had not even started looking for him. Rabbi Baruch's eyes also filled with tears and he said: «That is also what the Lord says: "I hide and no one seeks me..."».

In the Easter stories of the Gospels there is something of this game: the Risen Lord suddenly appears "under another figure" to two disciples, as Mark says, he approaches those at Emmaus in the guise of a pilgrim or from a gardener to Mary Magdalene. The resurrected one appears as one who disappears. He is the same Jesus, but he is not the same. The new presence opens the eyes of the disciples; It makes them see and understand in a new way. He makes them go from fear and doubt to trust. It is the transition from "not knowing" to "recognizing" that fills the disciples in the Easter dynamism and makes them go from a state of disillusion to another in which the fullness of joy overflows them. In the lake scene (Jn 21:1-14), the fishermen's barren fatigue at night is their way of experiencing the absence of a Jesus who is hiding. The "no" with which they respond to the question of the stranger who is on the shore and asks: "Boys, do you have fish?", sums up a closed situation, and almost gets from them a confession of unhappy conscience from which there seems to be no way out. It's night in the middle of the lake. And they are searching for the Master without knowing it.

The dawn accompanies the presence of Jesus on the shore and the information of the light introduces us to a new and open situation: the day begins, a word is heard and the net overflows with fish. The light reaches John's eyes and makes him leave the darkness and enter into the recognition: "It is the Lord!" (Jn 21,7). The end of the scene reflects the transfigured situation: the work has become fruitful, the disciples crowd around the one who has gathered their dispersion and has reunited them again in a fraternal meal. The conversion that Easter calls for is hinted at in an already familiar verb: "No one dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord" (Jn 21:12). "It is the glory of God to hide a project, it is the glory of kings to reveal it" (Prov 25:2) stated traditional wisdom.

The novelty of Easter goes beyond the old proverb: the true glory is in welcoming with grateful amazement that, when we play with God, the game ends in an encounter but not as a fruit of the effort of our search, but as an undeserved gift.

Fr. Alex

Announcements:

Visit Parish Creation Care Guidelines display in Parish Hall on April 20-

<u>21</u> Next weekend visit Creation Care Ministry's table in the parish hall after the Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10 am masses to find out or ask questions about the new parish Creation Care Guidelines which help us live "our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #217). These Guidelines encourage some best practices for reducing and responsibly managing waste from parish events and other activities in the parish hall. Confused about what goes in what bin? Come visit our display!

Bundle Up Weekend – Society of St Vincent De Paul

The Spring Bundle Weekend is scheduled for <u>May 4th & 5th.</u> The truck will be in our parking lot to accept your gently used items. Please see posters to see what is and isn't accepted. Thank you for your continued support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Youth Ministry

We are inviting all youth aged 12 and above to the youth night on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00pm. Come and bring a friend for a night of fun, faith and fellowship. Please confirm your attendance via email to <u>mi@joanofarc.ca</u>.

Earth Day / Fair Trade Weekend - April 20th / 21st

Next weekend, as part of our <u>Fair Trade Weekend</u>, we will be celebrating **Earth Day** (officially on <u>Monday</u>, <u>April 22nd</u>) with its theme of: *Planet vs. Plastics*. We pray for the courage to change our ways forever, to live responsibly, to advocate boldly, and to honour and protect what God has created. This is another essential way to 'stand for the land'. *Development and Peace* invites you to join us in the hall after the 5:30 and 10:00 Mass to celebrate Earth Day. Some new Fair Trade products are available (Friendship Teas). D&P will host Coffee Sunday.

SJA, CWL, 60th Anniversary – Come and Celebrate with us!

This is the 60th anniversary for St. Joan of Arc CWL Parish Council. To celebrate we are having a buffet breakfast at Canadiana Restaurant in Six Points Plaza., at **10:00 am on April 27, 2024.** This is a full breakfast including: orange juice, Coffee and Tea; Assorted muffins, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Assorted Toast with Butter, Scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausages and French toast. The cost of the breakfast is \$25.00. Tickets will be on sale, Saturdays/Sundays: April 6th and 7th and 13th/14th, and Saturdays/Sundays 20th and 21st and at the office.

St. Joan of Arc Garage Sale – A parish fundraiser (May 25)

Spring is here, and so is the perfect opportunity for some decluttering! As you tidy up your homes during this season of renewal, why not consider donating your gently used items to our parish fundraiser Garage Sale? Your contributions will not only help clear out space in your home but also support our parish community. From household goods to clothing and everything in between, we welcome all donations with open arms. Drop off your items on Fridays from April 12th to May 17th between 2pm and 6pm and on Saturday May 18th from 12-4pm and mark your calendars for the big sale on May 25th. Let's turn your spring cleaning into a meaningful contribution!

In need of volunteer hours?

If you're a high school student seeking fulfilling volunteer opportunities, look no further! We invite you to reach out to MJ at the parish office for more information and get started on your journey of service today!

Monthly Offertory

Offertory	Mar 2023	Mar 2024
Envelopes	\$ 5,349	\$ 9,323
Loose	\$ 1,780	\$ 5,039
PAG*	\$ 5,918	\$ 6,390
Total	\$ 13,047	\$20,752

*Pre-Authorized Giving Contributions to the **Building Maintenance Fund** for the month of March were \$2,927.

Merrymakers Lunch – April 18

The merrymaker's lunch will be on Thursday, April 18th. There will be Mass at 12nn followed by the lunch at 12:30pm. Tickets can be purchased after all weekend Masses this weekend and next weekend, \$12 cash only please. The menu: scalloped potatoes and ham + dessert.

April 20/21 - D&P Fair Trade Wknd

April 22 - CWL General Meeting

April 23 – YOUTH NIGHT 6PM

April 27 - CWL Anniversary breakfast

April 28 - ShareLife Sunday (Special Collection)

April 29 – Winter Welcome Table Appreciation dinner. Thank you to all the groups who contributed their time, talent, and treasure for the Winter Welcome Table. All volunteers are invited for Mass and a celebratory dinner at St Peter's. Details to follow!

April 30 – Young Adults Night

<u>May 4 & 5</u> – SVDP Bundle Up Weekend Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422

