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## St. Joan of Arc Parish

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MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, April 21**

10am Melania & Tadeusz Polski  
12pm Parish Community

**Monday, April 22**

5:30pm Intentions of Frank &  
Blanche Gira and Family

**Tuesday, April 23**

5:30 pm For the youth of our parish

**Wednesday, April 24**

5:30 pm Int. of parish staff

**Thursday, April 25**

5:30 pm Int. Friars of the  
Atonement

**Friday, April 26**

5:30 pm Int. of Isaiah Miles Ramos

**Saturday, April 27**

5:30 pm Henry Moreno †

**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*

This past week we had a meeting with our new Pastoral Council! Yes indeed we have a Pastoral Council and you'll get a chance to meet them in a few weeks when we install them officially at Mass. I am thrilled to have these eight individuals to provide insight and guidance to me in the development of our parish and I hope you will have a chance to meet them and to share your thoughts and ideas as well. As I told them, they are my eyes and ears in the parish as well as my hands to reach out and tap people to get involved. So, if you get tapped by someone asking you to consider becoming more active in the parish I would ask you to please consider it as they see in you something we can use at Saint Joan of Arc to make us a better parish and you should be honored.

We are seeking here at Saint Joan of Arc parish to continue to be welcoming to all, and in order to do that we need people's hearts and minds in the right place as well as their hands and bodies. As Pope Francis says: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity." "Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly." Fortunately, we have several ministries that seek to do this and I hope in the coming weeks and months you get a chance to meet them and see what they do and how you can participate either with them are on your own. Since we now have coffee and donuts after the 10AM and the noon Masses, I will be arranging from week to week to have a different ministry available in the hall each weekend so that you have a chance to see what they do, who they are, and how you can help.

As we move through the Easter season, we see each week in the Acts of the Apostles how the church began to form. This is helpful to us because we are still forming, still becoming what Jesus called us to be. We have celebrated confirmation with our young people and will be celebrating first communions with our younger people. You'll also notice that baptisms are on the rise. These are all great signs of growth in our parish. But we can't rely on others to grow, we need to continue to grow ourselves. That was the challenge in the early church and that's still the challenge in the church today.

I invite you to take some time and pray asking God "what am I called to do in the church". You might be surprised as to what God asks of you and how God may ask of you through others.

*Easter Peace and Joy,  
Fr. Bob*

**Announcements:**

**Visit Parish Creation Care Guidelines display in Parish Hall on April 20-21**

Did you know that aluminum beverage cans are the most valuable item to recycle? Recycled aluminum uses about 5% of the energy needed to make new aluminum. This weekend visit Creation Care Ministry's table in the parish hall after the Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10 am masses to learn about the new parish Creation Care Guidelines which encourage some best practices for reducing and responsibly managing waste from events and activities in the parish hall.

**Bundle Up Weekend – Society of St Vincent De Paul**

The Spring Bundle Weekend is scheduled for **May 4th & 5th**. 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 [mj@joanofarc.ca](mailto:mj@joanofarc.ca).

**SJA, CWL, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and Saturdays/Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and at the office.**

**All are welcome!**

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

We are accepting donations for the garage sale! You may drop off your goods every Friday between 2-6pm or after Mass on the weekends in the board room.

**The Knights of Columbus** and Daughters of Isabella will be hosting a trivia at St Cecilia's church on Friday, May 10th. Tickets are ten dollars per person. Doors open at 6:30. First question will be asked at 7:00. You can play singly, or as a team. Prizes will be awarded. Come out and show how smart you are. Or not.'

**Day of Reflection and Prayer for the bereaved – May 4, 9am to 5pm**

At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. Please see poster at the back of the church.

**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.

**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 7:30pm

**May 4 & 5**– SVDP Bundle Up Weekend

**May 4, 9:30am to 5pm** – Day of Reflection and Prayer for the bereaved at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

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