

St. Joan of Arc

Proclaiming and Living the Gospel through Stewardship. All are Welcome.

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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

Fifth Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday, April 28</u> 10am Zenobia & Stanislaw Sakowski 12pm Amado Diaz

> Monday, April 29 5:30pm For healing

Tuesday, April 30 5:30 pm For the souls in purgatory

<u>Wednesday, May 1</u> Feast of St Joseph the Worker 5:30 pm For the intentions of Sophie

<u>Thursday, May 2</u> 5:30 pm For the sick of our parish

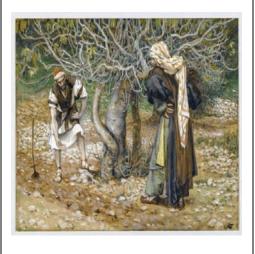
> Friday, May 3 5:30 pm Chris Wilches †

Saturday, May 4 5:30 pm For the parish community

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

Among the witnesses of Easter, the beloved disciple stands out. He was the first to believe in the resurrection of his Master, he was the one who recognized the Lord on the shore of Lake Tiberias. The disciple, who on the night of the Supper had leaned on Jesus' chest, upon receiving the news of the empty tomb, ran to verify what the women were saying. The text points out the detail that he ran more than Peter. It is surprising that no Gospel text reveals the proper name of the one to whom Jesus, before dying, entrusted the care of his mother - "Son, behold your mother" - and of whom the Lord himself said to Peter: «If I want him to stay until I come, what does it matter to you? You, follow me".

The beloved disciple is generally interpreted to be John, one of Zebedee's sons. Some exegetes explain that the intention of the text, by not revealing the name of the perfect disciple, who enjoyed the greatest intimacy with the Master, who was faithful in the crucial hour and believed before anyone else in the risen Jesus Christ, is to present the figure of the perfect disciple, the one we must look to when obeying the call to go after Jesus. If we take into account that the Gospel, in the prologue, reveals the Son of God immersed in the bosom of the Father, and then points out that the beloved disciple is immersed in the bosom of his Master, it is easy to deduce that Jesus calls us, according to Saint John, to the greatest intimacy, which arises when participating in the Supper: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me and I in him" (John 6, 56).

The Apostle's main discourse is derived from this experience. Saint John does not make an abstract, philosophical, or even theological treatise on what love is. No, he is not a theorist. As an Apostle and friend of Jesus, he shows us what are the components, or better, the phases of Christian love, a movement characterized by three moments.

The first moment refers to the very Source of love, which the Apostle places in God, going so far as to affirm that "God is love." The second moment is when God has concretely demonstrated his love by entering human history through the person of Jesus Christ, incarnated, died and resurrected for us.

The third moment occurs when the Christian, contemplating this "excess" of love, wonders what his response should be. And I think each of us should always ask ourselves again, how do we find ourselves in relation to the figure and example of the beloved disciple? Have we responded to the love of God?

Fr. Alexander

Announcements:

April 29 – Winter Welcome Table Appreciation Dinner

All volunteers who helped at the Winter Welcome Table are invited for Mass and a celebratory dinner at St Peter's. Please contact Richard Tone or the parish office if you have any questions.

Bundle Up Weekend – Society of St Vincent De Paul

The Spring Bundle Weekend is next week - <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.

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.

Parish Spring Cleaning – May 4 (9:30am)

Please join us for our Parish Spring Cleaning on Saturday, May 4th! We're calling any volunteers, including students seeking volunteer hours, to join us in sprucing up both indoors and outdoors. Kindly confirm your participation with MJ via email or extension 5. Your help is invaluable in making our parish a safe and beautiful haven for our community. Thank you!

Join our Parishioner Support Ministry! As the summer months approach, we want to ensure we have enough volunteers. If you're interested in bringing communion to the homebound, we warmly invite you to volunteer. Simply send an email to the office or call MJ at extension 5. Your participation means a lot. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity!!

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.'

<u>St. Joan of Arc Garage Sale – A parish fundraiser (May 25)</u> 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.

Mother's Day Novena, Starting May 4 Join us in our 2024 Mother's Day Novena, a special spiritual tribute to mothers and maternal figures. Simply write their names on an envelope and enclose \$5.00 per name. Let's unite in prayerful reflection, celebrating the love and influence of these remarkable women.

<u>Salsa Night!</u> You're invited to learn Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Bachata...at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall. *Most Fridays at 7:30PM, starting May 3, 2024!* Please RSVP to Arturo at 437-837-0461

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.

May 1



"St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us. Help us to be like you, strong, hardworking, and faithful, so that we may be able to find our place in God's plan. Amen."

May 7, 7:30pm – Young Adults Night

May 4 – Parish Spring Cleaning

<u>May 4 & 5</u>

St. Vincent Bundle Up Weekend Pope's Special Collection

May 11 – First Communion

<u>May 12</u> – Mother's Day ♥

Missals: If you would like to purchase a Sunday Missal, please approach one of our Ushers before or after Mass.

June 9 – St. Joan of Arc Day!

New Parking Rules Update!

We've partnered with *Click N Park* for smoother parking management. Unauthorized parking will be monitored.

Free parking remains for Mass, parish meetings, and all parishioners. **Liturgical Publications** 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422

