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## Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday  
5:30 PM

Sunday  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

### 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

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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

### 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

### 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

**Saturday, August 17**

5:30pm Moya Carton †

**Sunday, August 18**

10am Charles Abraham †

12pm Parish Community

**Monday, August 19**

5:30 George Klacansky †

**Tuesday, August 20**

5:30 pm Int. of Jack & Marilyn

Cervený (for healing)

**Wednesday, August 21**

5:30 pm Int. of Cyril Davis and

Mary Davis †

**Thursday, August 22**

5:30 pm Int. of Irene Cornelius

(Thanksgiving)

**Friday, August 23**

5:30 pm John Robertson †

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick:** Celeste Cingarella, Antonia Bova, Aniela Kuncaitis, Inez Meleca, Mary K, Rosanne Kelly, Rose Menecola, Charles Coupal, Lucia Da Silveira, Martin Rodrigues, Louis Gris, Debbie Wagstaff, Cecilia Salazar, Maria Cecilia Laso Salazar, Annya Romaneska.

**The Deceased:**

Tom Moriarty, Sharon Hrinco, Ted Grygiencza, Anna Lopez, Anne Buday, Gordon Young, Moya Carton, Edna Schlathou.



Friars Nook

“Prayer is most needed just when it seems most futile.”

(Michael J. Buckley)

In the face of so many problems, we can feel that praying for them is futile. For example, when faced with the discouragement and helplessness we feel in the face of some of the problems in our world, it is easy to feel that praying for them is futile. What good will my prayer do in the face of war? Or injustice? It is easy to think that praying for these situations is futile. The same is true when we are afflicted with serious illnesses. Will prayer cure a terminally ill cancer patient? Will a miraculous cure occur? Most of the time, no, but we continue to pray despite the feeling that our prayer is not going to change the situation. Why?

Theologians have given various perspectives on this: prayer, they say, is not intended to change God’s mind, but to change the mind of the person praying. We do not pray to get God on our side; we pray to get ourselves on God’s side. Furthermore, we have been taught that the reason it might seem like God doesn't answer our prayers is that God, like a loving father, knows what is good for us and answers our prayers by giving us what we really need rather than what we naively want.

In truth, God's ways are not our ways. Faith asks us to give God the space and time to be God, without having to conform to our very limited expectations and habitual impatience. In fact, we can be thankful that God doesn't answer many of our prayers according to our expectations. C.S. Lewis once said that we will spend a lot of time in eternity thanking God for those prayers that God didn't answer.

So, what practical use does prayer have in the face of these problems?

In short, prayer not only changes the person praying, but also the situation. When you pray, you become part of the situation you pray for. Sincere prayer helps you become the change you ask for. For example, praying for peace helps you calm your own heart and bring a more peaceful heart to the world. So let us continue to pray every day.

Fr. Alexander

August 18, 2024

**Announcements:**

**Mission Co-operative Program – August 17/18**

The Archdiocesan Mission Co-Operative Program (MCP) plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this appeal, our local Catholic community learns about the mission works of the Church and will have the opportunity to offer their financial support. In support of these efforts, we will welcome **Fr. Joseph Nedumankuzhiyil from the Diocese of Pathanamthitta (India)** to St Joan of Arc on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. A special collection will be held this weekend for MCP.

**Merrymakers Lunch – August 22**

The next Merrymakers luncheon will be on Thursday, August 22. There will be Holy Mass at 12, followed by the lunch at 12:30pm. You can purchase your tickets after Mass on this weekend only.

**Religious Education – Registration Announcement**

We are pleased to announce that registration for our Religious Education programs will **begin on September 3, 2024**. To register your child, please visit Arturo Gonzalez during his office hours on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 1 PM**. Additionally, registrations will be available on Sunday, September 8th and September 15th, after the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses.

For more information, you can contact Arturo at 416-762-1026 (ext. 1003) or via email at [religioused@joanofarc.ca](mailto:religioused@joanofarc.ca). **Please note that registrations will only be accepted after the Labour Day weekend, starting September 3.** Thank you!

**Email Scam**

In recent weeks there has been a sharp increase in the number of fake/scam emails being received by parishioners. These emails – usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers - **appear** to be from Fr. Bob and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.

**Young Adults – Picnic at the park!**

Join us for a fun-filled picnic at High Park on September 14th! We'll meet at the church at 2 PM and then head over to the park for an afternoon of games, good food, and great company. Don't miss out on this chance to unwind and connect with friends. See you there!

**Season of Creation 2024:** The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). Our parish has scheduled the mass celebration to be on the weekend of September 7-8. This year's theme is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19- 25. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the [joanofarc.ca](http://joanofarc.ca).

**Dates to Remember:**

**August**

**August 22** – Merrymakers Lunch

**August 17/18** – Mission Cooperative Program (Special Collection)

**August 26** – CWL Meeting

**September**

**September 2** – Labour Day Monday (Closed)

**September 3** – Religious Education Registration Open

**September 7 – 9:** Season of Creation Mass

**September 14** – Young Adults picnic

**September 16** – D&P Meeting

**September 19** – Merrymakers Lunch

**September 23** – CWL General Meeting

**September 28/29** – Fairtrade weekend



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