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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesdays - 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

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
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.dev.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 1:00 PM



MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7

5:30pm Int. of Lina Banez
(Thanksgiving)

Sunday, December 8

10am Robert Ramos †
12pm Ely Tan-Scholten †

Monday, December 9

5:30 pm Carmen Granada †

Tuesday, December 10

5:30 pm Ignacio Olmedo Vargas †

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 pm Christine Cheng Hwa Lee †

Thursday, December 12

5:30 pm Parish Community

Friday, December 13

5:30pm Int.of Friars General
Council

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Inez Meleca, Charles
Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira,
Louis Gris, Marianne Chard,
Debbie Wagstaff, Mary Kelly,
Carmel Foley, Vivian Gonneau.

The Deceased:

John Robertson, Moya Carton, Edna
Schlatau, Cyril Davis.



The Friar's Nook

The third gift of the Holy Spirit is the gift Counsel. Counsel is the ability to act correctly in times of trouble and speak in defense of the Christian faith. The gift of Counsel applies the gifts of Wisdom and Understanding so that we can make good decisions. It's like having an advisor with you at all times except this advisor is not outside of us or along side of us but inside of us in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus reminds us, before he ascends into heaven, that he's sending us an advocate, that is the Holy Spirit, one who will take our side (as long as our side is on the side of God) and defend it. He reminds us of this so that we are not fearful about what we are to say or do - God will guide us. The gift of Counsel, if we listen to it, gives us words to speak that are effective and healing.

I have learned often in my life that there are times that I want to say something but whether I should say it or not is unclear. I learned to pray at those times and allow the Holy Spirit's gift of Counsel to give me the words to speak. Often times I have found that I was to speak **no** words because they were my words and not the words of God, so it felt like a big hand going across my mouth to silence me and I trusted it was the hand of God. Sometimes the Counsel of the Holy Spirit is to stay quiet! We can learn more by listening than by talking. And oftentimes our actions speak far louder than our words. So, speaking with our actions showing the goodness of Christ is all we might be called to do. Saint Francis of Assisi himself said to his followers at the end of his life to: "*Always preach the gospel and when necessary, use words.*" This means how we are perceived in our actions and our dealings with others can change the world for the good.

Pope Francis says about the gift of Counsel: "*It illuminates our heart and makes us more sensitive to the voice of the Spirit, so that we do not get carried away in our thoughts, feelings and intentions by selfishness or our **own** way of looking at things, but by the will of God.*" How often do we think that our ways are God's ways and therefore we are right when in fact Jesus himself tells us that "*my ways are not your ways, my thoughts are not your thoughts.*" The gift of Counsel should humble our hearts to hear the ways and the thoughts of God himself and to hopefully prioritize them over our own ways and thoughts.

We have with us the Holy Spirit as our counselor, let's not waste the advice of God but try to heed it and to show it and our actions to others and in our world.

*Thank God for his guidance,
Fr. Bob*

Society of St Vincent de Paul – St Joan of Arc Conference

Will have their Christmas collection the weekend of December 7 & 8th. Tax receipts will be issued to those who put their information on the outside of the envelope. Thank you for remembering the poor this Christmas!

Our Giving Manger: “Advent” comes from the Latin word venire, which means "to come" or "to arrive" - it's a period of preparation for the arrival of Jesus, the Word made flesh. In support of that preparatory journey for each one of us, this year the parish's nativity scene includes a Giving Manger. Parishioners of all ages are invited to place a piece of straw in the manger for each act of kindness, generosity, service or sacrifice, carried out during Advent. At the Christmas Eve Mass, the Baby Jesus will be placed in the manger which will be filled with a visible sign of the service and love we offer Him as our gift this Christmas as a parish community.

Advent Retreat – December 14th at 9:30am

Join us for a peaceful and reflective **Advent Retreat** hosted by the **La Xaviere Sisters**, on December 14th, 9:00am to 12:30pm. It will be a special time of spiritual renewal as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. We look forward to sharing this meaningful retreat experience with you!

Christmas Flowers for the Altar – Special Collection December 14/15

This Christmas, let's come together to fill our church with the beauty of altar flowers! We will have a special collection next weekend to support this. Thank you for helping make this season truly special!

FAIR TRADE WEEKEND - DEC. 14/15

Development and Peace is hosting our last Fair Trade Weekend for 2024 next weekend - December 14/15. These make wonderful Christmas gifts that give back to the world. We invite folks from the 12:00 Mass to come into the hall just before their Mass (11:30 - 11:50) to make any purchases they want. See you there.

ShareLife: Your compassion brings love and care to our brothers and sisters in need

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency: “Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite.”

Our goal this year is \$ 62,800.00. To date we have achieved \$34,236.50. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – December 8

Most holy Mother, you are the Immaculate Conception, God's most precious treasure and His singular delight. To your intercession and mediation I entrust my life. Take me to your Son and pour forth His grace upon me and upon the whole world. I entrust to you every care, concern, confusion, struggle, and cross. I turn to you for every grace of faith, hope, and love from Heaven, so that I can become more fully conformed to the image of your Son Who alone is the Savior of the World. Mother Mary, the Immaculate Conception, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Dates to Remember

Dec 8 – Children's Advent & Christmas Party

Dec 8 – St Vincent de Paul Special Collection

Dec 9- D&P Meeting

Dec 11 – SVDP Meeting

Dec 14 – Advent Retreat with La Xaviere sisters 9am

Dec 14/15 - D&P Fair Trade

Dec 15 – Christmas Dinner

Dec 19 – Advent day of Confessions 7:30pm

Dec 22 – French Mass 5pm

Dec 27 – Holy Hour

Parish Office Closed

December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025

Monthly Offertory 2024

Offertory	November
Envelopes	\$8,745
Loose	\$3,181
PAG	\$6,427
Total	\$18,353

Contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund for the month of November were \$2,782.

ShareLife Campaign

Contributions
January to November 2024

Parish	\$9,737.50
Through Archdiocese	\$24,499.00
Total	\$34,236.50

Campaign Parish Goal \$ 62,800.00
Goal reached 54.5%

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