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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

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

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

Monday, February 3

5:30pm Deceased Members
of our Parish Community †

Tuesday, February 4

5:30pm Parish Community

Wednesday, February 5

5:30pm Int of the Friars

Thursday, February 6

5:30pm Int. of Parish Staff

Friday, February 7

5:30pm Florian Family

Saturday, February 8

5:30pm Victor Florian †

Sunday, February 9

10am Patrick Boyer

12pm Maura Briceno †

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Debbie Wagstaff,
Carmel Foley, Vivian Gonneau,
Cecilia Salazar

Our Dearly Departed:

Regina Rhiel-Cairns,
Moya Carton, Edna Schlatau,
Cyril Davis, Lucy Stangl,
Janina Golebiowski

BANNS FOR WEDDING:

(Third Publication)

Tejiri Eskoha & Tejirese Koha are
to be married in a wedding Mass
this month in India.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to
reveal any impediment(s) to the
Sacrament of Marriage to the
bishop or pastor.



The Friar's Nook

There is nothing as dangerous to the mind and morals as lying, as denying the truth. Jesus warns us about an unforgivable sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. What is this sin? Why can it not be forgiven? And what does it have to do with lying?

The context of this warning is this: Jesus had just cast out a demon. Some of those who witnessed it firmly believed that only someone sent by God could do such a thing. However, they hated Jesus. The fact that they saw him cast out a demon was an uncomfortable truth for them, so uncomfortable that they decided to deny what they had seen with their own eyes. Despite knowing that they were lying, they said that Jesus had cast out the demon with the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons.

Jesus first tried to make them see their lie, but they insisted on their lie. It was in this context that Jesus gave this warning about a sin that cannot be forgiven because it blasphemes against the Holy Spirit. Those people denied the truth, knowing that they were lying. When we tell our first lie, we still know that we are lying, and that allows us to repent.

But if we continue to lie and deny the truth, we can reach a point where we believe our own lie. Then, what is false becomes truth to us, what is evil appears good, and what is dark appears light. At that point, sin becomes unforgivable, not because God refuses to forgive us, but because we no longer want that forgiveness, or even believe that we need it.

How is this blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? This happens when we live in unfaithfulness, idolatry, hatred, divisions, and dishonesty. When we lie, we deny reality and truth. In doing so, we turn away from the Spirit of God and despise Him, which is equivalent to blasphemy. The danger of lies in our world Satan is the prince of lies.

That's why one of the greatest dangers of our time is the amount of lies, misinformation and denial of reality that we see every day, especially when the truth is not comfortable for us. Denying reality destroys our soul, breaks up our communities, endangers the future of the planet and damages our mental health. Denying truth not only destroys its very meaning, but also our ability to live in peace with reality.

Fr. Alexander

Your Weekly Giving Report → (from Fr. Bob and your Finance Committee)

As was first reported in last week's bulletin, you will notice a slight change in the way we will be reporting various collections, as well as the breakdown of donations to St. Joan of Arc Parish. As you can see, our weekly collection is not keeping up with the pace of our everyday expenses which are unavoidable. These are expenses that keep us operational. At present, our monthly expenses are approximately **\$31,500** (or \$7875 each week in a four-week month).

With our very minimal 2025 budget finalized and as you consider your commitments this year, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your weekly gift to us. **We can't continue** to do the powerful ministry work our parish is renowned for doing without your time, talent and treasure.

Once again, we ask that you consider the idea of registering with the parish's Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. Your participation guarantees safe, reliable and monthly support for us, especially when you are away for any period of time. In the weeks ahead, we will welcome a member of our Finance Committee who will share an important update about the financial health of our parish at all weekend Masses. Learn how you can lend your **increased** support. *Thank you!*

Farewell Thomas Villiger (Feb. 8/9)

With thanksgiving in our hearts and great hope for his journey ahead, we bid farewell to Thomas, our parish pianist, who will be departing Canada this month. To celebrate his near decade of service to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community, we will gather to celebrate his love and commitment to our music program with cake and coffee following the **Saturday 5:30pm** and **Sunday 10:00am** Masses next weekend. Please join us in the Parish Hall where you may wish Thomas well.

NEW! Sanctuary Lamp (for reservation)

Did you know? The Sanctuary Lamp, which hangs behind the Pulpit, signifies the presence of God in the tabernacle. The tradition of the *Sanctuary Lamp* is influenced by the Old Testament, where God instructed Moses to have a lamp burn perpetually in the Tabernacle (*Exodus 27:20-21*)

Beginning March 2, we will begin taking requests for booking of our Sanctuary Lamp here at St. Joan of Arc Parish. You may request that the lamp be lit in thanksgiving for a blessing received or for a living or deceased individual. The suggested donation is **\$30**. The lamp will burn for approximately 6-7 days and the name will be published weekly in the bulletin and announced in the Prayers of the Faithful. Please connect with the Parish Office to secure your preferred week.

Thank you re. Volunteer Appreciation (from Fr. Bob and Fr. Alex)

"We were incredibly blessed to welcome dozens of volunteers into our parish hall last month for our annual Volunteer Appreciation. Together with members of the Pastoral Council, we were honoured to share an afternoon with so many of our volunteers who give of their time, talent and treasure – all without favour. In a special way, we acknowledge the entire Hospitality Team who helped provide refreshments and set-up, in advance of our celebration. We look forward to another great year of servant leadership here within St. Joan of Arc Parish. Again, please accept our continued thanks for all that you do among us."

Weekly Giving (\$)

...for January 25/26	
Expenses	\$7875 *
Envelopes	\$1255
Loose	+ \$876
PAG	+ \$1693
Web	+\$1394.50
Received	= \$5218.50
Short	- \$2656.50

* We require \$7875 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover expenses. This week, we are **short \$2656.50**.

Are you aware? Your contributions to the Building & Maintenance Fund are incredibly important, helping ensure our worship space and campus facilities are safe and welcoming places for all. We will be funding a number of critical building projects this year and in 2026. **Please be generous** and help us maintain your spiritual home.

ShareLife Campaign Contributions

Parish	\$10,702.50
via Archdiocese	\$32,261.20
Total	\$42,963.70

Parish Goal \$ 62,800.00

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