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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 24**

5:30pm Int. of the Friars

### **Tuesday, February 25**

5:30pm Int. of the Parish Staff

### **Wednesday, February 26**

5:30pm John Scali †

### **Thursday, February 27**

5:30pm Genoveva Tuazon †

### **Friday, February 28**

5:30pm Raephael &  
Masilamani Joseph †

### **Saturday, March 1**

5:30pm Maria & Leon Dacanay †

### **Sunday, March 2**

10am The Parish Community

12pm Joseph for Good Health

The Mass is a special moment, when we call to mind those in our lives who have gone before us, as well as those here on earth who may need prayer and support. Request a Mass for a loved one – living or deceased.

Contact the Parish Office for more Information and to book yours.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Sick:** Debbie Wagstaff,  
Carmel Foley, Vivian Gonneau,  
Cecilia Salazar, Mark Szuba

### **Our Dearly Departed:**

Nancy Ocampo  
Regina Rhiel-Cairns,  
John Scali  
Moya Carton,  
Edna Schlatau  
Genoveva Tuazon,



## *The Friar's Nook*

Last weekend, we celebrated Saint Valentine's Day here at the parish. We had an extraordinary dinner with a 17-piece brass ensemble playing big band music to dance to. It was a wonderful evening and we hope to do it again next year!

As we celebrate St. Valentine's Day, we are reminded of one important virtue – love, but in the Christian sense. It's not about infatuation or feelings, but rather, a love that does. How we act and how we treat others is an indicator of how we love. Now, who we love is made clear by Jesus when he says, "*Love your neighbour as yourself.*" Recently, some people have tried to limit Christian love, or at least water it down. The Vice President of the United States misused a theological understanding of love recently in that he said, "*We should love the people around us the most, then our neighbours next, then our community somewhat less.*" Basically, in his mind, love was something that had limits. Like ripples in a pond, it grows weaker as it travels further away. So other countries should take care of their "own people." This infuriated Pope Francis enough that he made a direct response, claiming it was an improper and misread use of the theological principle of love.

Pope Francis says, "*God's love invites us to share with others, to respond generously to the needs of the poor, to encourage those who suffer, and to be already ready to forgive and to hope. Love is the very centre of the Gospel!*" It should not be watered down or made to fit an ideology, but should be self-giving to all people. This especially strikes me here at St. Joan of Arc Parish when we say, "All Are Welcome." Welcoming others means offering the love of God to them – no matter who they are or what they do. It is never given in judgment but rather freely as Jesus gave it to us freely, right to the point of his own death.

Of course, sometimes this works the opposite way. Sometimes, it's easier to love those we don't live with or are not around us more than the people who are around us. I was talking to the Confirmation students this week and reminded them of that. As they enter their teenage years, there may be more struggles at home. All the more reason to love harder. The Gospels give us examples over and over again of how His disciples messed up and didn't understand what Jesus was saying and doing and yet he never stopped loving them. He is, for us, that example of what love truly is – love that we don't simply celebrate on St. Valentine's Day but the love we should celebrate each and every day especially when it's difficult to love. I encourage you to keep the love of the Lord in your hearts this year and let it show in you generously.

*Your Pastor, Fr. Bob*

**Update re. Tax Receipts**

Charitable tax receipts for donations given in 2024 are being processed and will be mailed before the end of the month. Did you know? Your donations last year were critical to our community's success - allowing us to pay our staff and offer parish programming, while journeying with countless people. **We are counting on our St. Joan of Arc family for increased generosity in 2025.**

**Thank you re. St. Valentine's Dinner**

A great big thank you to all those who attended the Dinner/Dance on Feb. 14. Everyone enjoyed the romantic dinner and loved the big band sound of the Hurricanes Dance Band! Once again, you managed to raise approximately **\$3200** for our parish. These fundraising events are crucial to reaching our yearly budget. Thanks for your participation and support. I wish to thank Teresa Kelly for providing the Hurricanes for the evening. A huge thank you to the Merrymakers Ministry and those who stepped up to serve – Mary Ellen, Erica and Anne - for their hard work and dedication. As well, our bartender Luis, greeters Juanita, May and Yvonne, our decorator Fr. Bob and our dishwasher, Rick. What a Team! What a Community! What a Parish! (Joan Spencer)

**NEW! Sanctuary Lamp** (Mar. 2)

Beginning March 2, we will begin taking requests for the booking of our Sanctuary Lamp on the Altar. Suggested donation is \$30 per week. Please contact the office.

**Mardi Gras Dinner** (Mar. 4)

We will celebrate our annual "Mardi Gras" Dinner (with fresh pancakes and sausages) on Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$15 each. Monies raised will support critical building projects.

**Ash Wednesday** (Mar. 5)

We will begin the season of Lent on March 5 with Eucharist and the distribution of Ashes. Two Masses will be celebrated this day – one at 9:00am with staff and students from Bishop Marrocco Catholic Secondary School and another Mass at 5:30pm. Join our parish community as we begin our 40-day journey to Calvary.

**Jubilee Year of Hope**

*"Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom."*

You can celebrate the Jubilee Year by attending Mass at:

**St. Edward the Confessor Parish** (North York)

February 25, 2025 at 7:00pm

Celebrant: Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



**Presentation on Christian/Jewish Relations** (Mar. 29)

In 2025, we are joining with the whole Church, as Pilgrims of Hope, in celebrating the Second Vatican Council's historic teaching of **Nostra Aetate #4**: The Catholic Church's relationship with the Jewish people. Come and hear from *Mia Theocharis* (Key moments in Catholic-Jewish Relations) as well as *Murray Watson* (Significant Links between Passover and Easter). Happening from 9:30am – 12:00pm in the Hall. Light refreshments included and a donation is appreciated. All are Welcome.

**Weekly Giving (\$)**

...for February 15/16	
<b>Expenses</b>	\$7875 *
Envelopes	\$1252
Loose	+ \$405
PAG	+ \$1756
Online	+ \$19
<b>Received</b>	= \$3432
Short	- \$4443

\* We require **\$7875** a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover expenses. This week, we are again **short \$4443**

Since January 19, we have been **\$14,232.60** short of making our 2025 budget.

Our monthly target for February's Building & Maintenance Fund is **\$3950**. Thus far, we've raised **\$3518**.

Your contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund this month are very 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. **Please be generous.**

**Attention Parishioners!**

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