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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, January 13

5:30pm Deceased Friars †

Tuesday, January 14

5:30pm Parish Community

Wednesday, January 15

5:30pm Sick of the Parish

Thursday, January 16

5:30pm Int of the Friars

Friday, January 17

5:30 pm Int. of Parish Staff

Saturday, January 18

5:30 pm Int. of Religious Education
Students

Sunday, January 19

10am Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski †

12pm Maura Briceno †

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The Mass is one of the greatest prayers we can offer as people of faith. They are special moments when we can call to mind those in our lives who have gone before us, as well as those here on earth who may need a little prayer and support. Consider requesting a Mass for a loved one – living or deceased. Contact your Parish Office for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Deceased:

John Robertson, Moya Carton, Edna Schlatau, Cyril Davis, President Jimmy Carter



The Friar's Nook

There are few things we crave more than self-expression and recognition. We carry within us a deep desire to show ourselves as we are, to be known, valued, understood, and seen as unique, gifted, and significant beings. When a heart is not known and appreciated in its depth, when it lacks spaces to express itself and be recognized, it is filled with restlessness, frustration, and even bitterness. Yet expressing all that we are is not only difficult, it is never fully possible.

For most of us, our lives always seem smaller than our dreams and aspirations, no matter where we are or what we accomplish. In our moments of fantasy, we dream of being famous but in the end, most of us live as one of many, unknown.

If we see it as an insurmountable tragedy, it leads us to bitterness and discouragement. But if we accept it in faith, as an invitation to be a silent, hidden part of the Body of Christ and of humanity, we can find in it rest, gratitude, and a deep sense of purpose that alleviates frustration, disappointment, and sadness.

What a profound truth. History is full of examples. I think, for example, of Therese of Lisieux, who lived her life in a small convent in rural France. When she died at twenty-four, she was probably known to fewer than a hundred people. From the world's perspective, she accomplished nothing outstanding or left a visible contribution. She entered the convent at fifteen and spent the rest of her life doing simple tasks in the laundry, kitchen and garden. Her only tangible legacy was a diary, a personal account with spelling mistakes, where she recounted her family life, her childhood and her final months facing death.

Yet that small diary has made her a world-renowned figure, both within and outside the religious realm. Her work, *Story of a Soul*, has touched millions of lives. What gives power to her diary is not the grandeur of her words, but the authenticity of what she expressed in the privacy of her soul. Throughout those years of hidden life, as a child and as a nun, Teresa was fully aware of her uniqueness and worth, but she chose to give them away with faith. She believed that her gifts and talents were working silently but powerfully within a mystical and living body: the Body of Christ and of humanity. She understood herself as a cell in that body, contributing her best for the good of the world.

Anonymity offers us this same invitation. There is no more significant work that we can give to the world. Jesus taught us the same thing: to do good in secret, without seeking that our left hand, our neighbors, or the whole world know what our right hand is doing.

Fr. Alexander Reed, SA

January 11/12, 2025

Valentine’s Dinner & Dance (Feb. 14)

With the Christmas season now behind us, we’re looking ahead with excitement to Friday, February 14 when your parish will host a Valentine’s Dinner & Dance. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with dinner commencing at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available for purchase after each weekend Mass beginning January 18. The cost is \$35 per person and limited seats are available. We are very fortunate to have a live orchestra who plays Big Band Music, so get your dancing shoes ready! More details and surprises to follow ♥️

Supporting your Parish in 2025

As we begin a New Year, we humbly ask that you increase your personal giving to the parish. Your weekly (and monthly) contributions are **vital** to sustaining our ministry throughout the year. It enables us to reach out to those in need, maintain our dedicated staff, support our liturgies and music ministries and continue with the wide range of programs that nurture faith and service within your St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community. Please consider registering with our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. Your participation guarantees regular, reliable support to us, especially when you are away for any period of time.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration. Please connect with Anne Francis at finance@joanofarc.ca to learn about giving options. (Fr. Bob)

“Monthly Moments” (from your Pastoral Council)

Are you aware that your Pastoral Council, together with Fr. Bob, release a monthly e-blast with important information and news on life here at St. Joan of Arc Parish? To join the nearly 200+ parishioners who are already registered for important updates from within your parish, please send an e-mail to info@joanofarc.ca.

Social Ministry – Card Playing

A reminder that Card Playing has starting up again and we are welcoming new and returning players! Join us every Tuesday from 1:30pm – 3:30pm in the Parish Hall for fellowship and several games. Consider bringing a snack to share with the group. All are Welcome!

Merrymakers – January Meeting!

Welcome to a new year, Merrymakers! The Merrymakers Lunch will take place on Thursday, January 23. Tickets are \$15 each and are now available for purchase after each weekend Mass at the entrance of the Church. If you have friends coming who are not parishioners, they can purchase their ticket at the door on January 23. Come for lunch, and then stay for bingo! We look forward to another great monthly gathering.

What is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord?

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord takes us from pondering Jesus’ birth at Christmas to the start of Jesus’ 3 years of public ministry - a ministry that began with a deep act of solidarity with the fallen human race. In the Eastern Church, this feast is called *Theophany* because at the Baptism of the Lord, God appeared in three persons. At the Jordan River, St. John the Baptist offered a baptism of repentance – a turning away from sin and turning towards God. But Jesus is the “Word made Flesh.” He is sinless and had nothing to repent of. He freely and humbly chose to be baptised – taking upon Himself our sins and suffering their consequences. He became one with us so that we could become one with Him.

Monthly Giving

| Collection | December |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Envelopes | \$9,385 |
| Loose | \$4,212 |
| PAG | \$7,371 |
| *Christmas | \$9,919 |
| Via Web | \$1,312 |
| Total | \$32,199 |

Contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund in the month of December were **\$3,566.17**.

Did you know? 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 in 2025 and 2026, so please be generous.

ShareLife Campaign Contributions

January to December 2024

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Parish | \$9,737.50 |
| via Archdiocese | \$24,499.00 |
| Total | \$34,236.50 |

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

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