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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

Monday, January 27

5:30pm Deceased Friars †

Tuesday, January 28

5:30pm Tony Florian †

Wednesday, January 29

5:30pm Mervis Worrolynec †

Thursday, January 30

5:30pm Int. of Peter

Friday, January 31

5:30pm Sick of the Parish

Saturday, February 1

5:30pm Jim McGovern †

Sunday, February 2

10am Parish Community

12pm Gladys & Stanley
Jurkowski

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Our Dearly Departed:

Moya Carton, Edna Schlatau,
Cyril Davis, Lucy Stangl,
Janina Golebiowski

BANN FOR WEDDING:

Mr. Tejiri Eskoha & Ms. Tejirese
Koha are to be married in a wedding
Mass later this year in India. We
congratulate them on this next part of
their journey and assure them of our
prayer and support.
Canon Law obliges Catholics to
reveal any impediments to the
Sacrament of Marriage to the
bishop or pastor.



The Friar's Nook

The 7th gift of the Holy Spirit is Fear of the Lord. When I was a kid, my mother used the frequent phrase, "Just wait till your father gets home!" I think back on it now and what a terrible thing it was to do to my father because instead of being happy when he was home from work, I used to be afraid of what was going to happen once he got home. So, I would hide from him. The gift of Fear of the Lord is absolutely not that! My father used to think that Fear of the Lord was to be afraid of God and I can tell you from experience that God does not want us to be afraid of him. So, what is the gift of fear of the Lord?

Perhaps the word "fear" is wrongly used in this context nowadays and we should think about changing it. Like the church changed from Holy Ghost to Holy Spirit because ghost took on the connotation or something floating around with a sheet over it and that was not what the Holy Spirit was. The gift of the Spirit that is Fear of the Lord calls us to be in awe of God's greatness and humbly aware of our lowliness in comparison.

You cannot love something that you are afraid of. When we recognize the greatness of something in can engender fear but God only wants the best for us and so we have no reason to be afraid. But as we recognize and learn of the greatness of God we should be filled with awe. Oftentimes I find myself struck with the reality that God works in me and through me. These moments are extremely humbling for me to think that our great God would care about me and in fact use such a broken vessel to help bring about His goodness. I often joke that He must be really desperate to use me!

Pope Francis says about this gift: "*This is Fear of the Lord: abandonment in the goodness of our Father who loves us so much.*" So, love and fear do not occupy the same space. We need to embrace true humility in the face of something so great. True Fear of the Lord is, "filial" that we are children of God and thereby we revere God and try to avoid separating ourselves from Him—as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear punishment form Him. If we only live out our Christian lives our fear of being punished for what we've done wrong, then we aren't truly living a Christian life and loving as God would have us love. The love of God needs to be transformative in us that we may love in the way that Christ showed us, a self-giving love to God and to others.

So the Spirit gifts us with a sense of awe that we have a God so great and that he loves us to death and beyond.

Love the Lord, Fr. Bob

NEW - Your Weekly Giving Report  (from Fr. Bob)

In a spirit of continued communication and openness, you will notice a slight change in the way we will report 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 cannot be avoided. 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).

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

This week, we ask that you reflect on 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. We encourage you to pay special attention to their presentation and to begin lending your increased support in any way possible. *Thank you!*

Update from your Development & Peace Ministry (Jan. 25/26)

We would like to thank all of you for a successful "Reaping Our Rights" fall campaign. We collected over 200 signed cards asking our federal government to Adopt mHREDD – mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence. Your awareness and signatures ask that, "the Canadian government insist that Canadian companies assess the environmental and human rights impacts of their projects here and around the world." This weekend, we are also collecting your signed petitions asking the same of our federal government, which will be presented on Parliament Hill in May of this year. Thank you for your support!


Catholic Women's League Meeting (Jan. 27)

Did you know? Our parish has a Catholic Women's League (CWL) chapter! This important (and national) organization calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Join us for our next meeting on Monday, Jan. 27 at **1:30pm**. Meetings will take place in the afternoons during the months of January, February and March. All women are invited to join.

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto (Feb. 9)

As part of the diocese's Marriage Sunday celebrations for this year, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St). Visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

St. Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance (Feb. 14)

Grab your sweetheart, friend or significant other and dance the night away to the "Hurricanes." Happening Friday, February 14 at 7:00pm. Enjoy a three-course meal and buy a raffle ticket to win a "Sweetheart Package." Tickets are \$35 per person (and wine/beer will be sold separately). Limited seating is still available 

Weekly Giving (\$)

For January 18/19	
Expenses	\$7875*
Envelopes	\$1380
Loose	+ \$641.90
PAG	+ \$1693
Received	= \$3714.90
Short	- \$4160.10

* We require \$7875 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover expenses. This week, your parish is short **\$4160.10**

The monthly target for January's Building & Maintenance Fund is **\$3950**. Thus far, we've raised \$3116. **Help us reach our goal!**

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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