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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

5:30pm Int. of Maryanne Chard

Sunday, January 5

10am Parish Community

12pm Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski †

Monday, January 6

5:30 pm Int. of Friars

Tuesday, January 7

5:30 pm Int. of Parish Staff

Wednesday, January 8

5:30 pm For all the sick in our parish
community

Thursday, January 9

5:30 pm Int of all teachers and
students

Friday, January 10

5:30pm For the souls in purgatory

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,
Virginia Kiflit.

The Deceased:

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



The Friar's Nook

As we begin a new year, it seems quite appropriate to contemplate the 5th gift of the Holy Spirit, that is the gift of Knowledge. Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice. As you can see, the gift of Knowledge differs from the gift of Wisdom. It's not about knowing things but it's about knowing the things of God as it applies to His works in this world and our part in it.

As you can see by its definition, it's about matters of justice, whether they be locally in our lives and families or globally in our world, and the family of all creation. We should use the gift of knowledge that the spirit gives us to understand how our actions in our lives impact the lives of others and impact the world we live in. We have begun to realise this in creation as we look at the reality of global warming and how it affects the lives of people across the globe. There is flooding and storms and destruction that we can have a hand in preventing by changing our lives. Remember the gift of Knowledge is not to be a burden to us but rather to help us live as God created us by doing right and building up His Kingdom on earth. In essence the gift of Knowledge teaches us to be less selfish.

Pope Francis says about the gift of Knowledge: "*The Knowledge that comes from the Holy Spirit, however, is not limited to human knowledge; it is a special gift, which leads us to grasp, through creation, the greatness and love of God and his profound relationship with every creature.*" Gift of Knowledge is not something for us as individuals to possess and to use for ourselves but rather for us to be part of that knowledge and have a positive impact on our world and others. As Pope Francis mentions it's a gift that is revealed in creation. At Saint Joan of Arc church, we have several groups that hold these up to us that we may gain the knowledge of the spirit. The first is the Development and Peace ministry that tries to open our eyes to the worldwide impact we have. The second is our Creation Care ministry which helps us realize what we can do locally in our personal lives to change the world for the better and to do the work of God in our midst.

But we need to remember that the gift of knowledge that the Holy Spirit gives us is given to each of us not simply to "those people" or "those ministries". We are lucky that we have these ministries may be truly ministers of God building His Kingdom, not our own, in this world.

Let us use this gift of knowledge in the coming year to make the world a better place for all people.

Fr. Bob

January 5, 2025

Children's Advent Christmas Party

I would personally like to thank everyone who helped making this year's children's party a success. A special thanks to Theresa Best and Nijole Ruslys for their culinary skills, the Merrymakers as well as Rene Bruneau and the pastoral council who provided the candy canes and Pricila for her technical expertise. Father Bob you were an amazing St Nicholas and a really good sport. A BIG THANK YOU to all the children and their parents who participated and decorated our Christmas trees. Great job! - Joan Spencer

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Merrymakers, Marvin Alveraz, Fr Bob, Letizia Iraci, Luis Domingos, Andrew Santos, D'Crupi & Sons Construction Company, Juanita and her team who cleared the dishes, the choir members, Dorothy Pellerin, Susan our choir director and all the Volunteers who set up and decorated the hall for the dinner. You all played an important part in making this year's dinner a success. I would also like to thank all our parishioners who bought tickets and supported this fundraiser. Together we managed to raise an amazing \$3000 for the parish. Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate in our community of faith. This coming year is full of surprises. Thanks again, Joan Spencer

Jubilee Prayer

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. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



----- 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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