



# St. Joan of Arc

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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 and Thursday  
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Closed Wednesday mornings

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Friday 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  
Michael Thibodeau

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  
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy  
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry  
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace  
www.devp.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 4:00 PM

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, June 9

11:00 am Int. of Arturo Gonzalez

#### Monday, June 10

5:30 pm Int. of children & grandchildren of Elizabeth

#### Tuesday, June 11

5:30 pm Ona Bush †

#### Wednesday, June 12

5:30 pm Int. of Elizabeth (health)

#### Thursday, June 13

5:30 pm William Doyle †

#### Friday, June 14

5:30 pm Int. of Elizabeth

#### Saturday, June 15

5:30 pm Alexander George Douglas †

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The Sick:** Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne Kelly, Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira.

**The Deceased:** Tom Moriarty †, Sharon Hrinco †



## *Saint Joan of Arc's Story*

The Church officially remembers Saint Joan of Arc not as a martyr but as a virgin: The Maid of Orleans. Of course, Joan was a martyr, but technically she was not because although she died for doing what she knew God wanted her to do, she was not killed because of her faith but because of her political ideas. Her political enemies burned her at the stake for defeating them in the war. The daughter of peasants, Joan of Arc was born in 1412 in Donremy, France. She never learned to read and write, but her mother, who was very pious, instilled in her great trust in God and a tender devotion to the Virgin Mary. Due to the invasion of the English, France was going through a difficult situation. Through divine revelation, she knew that her mission was to save her country and the king. However, her family, friends, and French court officials did not believe her. Finally, after many attempts, she spoke with the monarch, who was impressed by the saint's wisdom and revelations. The English had invaded and dominated almost all of France; Only one important city was missing: Orleans, and at her request, King Charles and her military officers granted her command over the troops, naming her captain of it. Joan orders a white flag to be made with the names of Jesus and Mary and at the head of ten thousand men she heads towards Orleans, where she achieves a glorious triumph. Then, she heads to other cities where she achieves Victory. However, due to envy and ambition among the members of the King's court, he removed Joan from his troops, and she was wounded and taken prisoner in the battle of Paris. The saint was abandoned by the French; but the English were interested in keeping her in prison, paying more than a thousand gold coins to those from Burgundy to hand her over to them, and she was sentenced to life imprisonment. In her prison her enemies accused her of using witchcraft and spells to obtain her military victories. Finally, the saint was condemned to suffer at the stake (May 29, 1431) She was barely 19 years old. Paradoxically, the Christian people, good and bad at the same time, were happy with her disappearance. Other Christians were crying. This inconsistency may bother us, but Juana already expected it. The war in which she participated pitted French Christians against English Christians. Surely we too have done the same, pitting Christians against Christians, and just as we felt that God was on our side, Joan believed that God was with the French.

Our patron saint teaches us the importance of listening to our inner voice and following our dreams, even when they seem impossible. She did not let the doubts or criticism of others stop her in her mission to rid the country of it. Instead, she trusted her divine guidance to guide her every step of the way. Additionally, her bravery and resilience in the face of adversity inspire us to be strong and persevere through difficult times. Her example shows us that we can overcome any obstacle if we have faith in God and trust in our abilities. And her life also reminds us of the importance of being authentic and true to ourselves. Despite the expectations and social norms of her time, Joan remained true to her identity and her mission, regardless of its consequences. Her courage in defying convention and following her own truth encourages us to live our lives in accordance with our deepest values and beliefs. In short, Saint Joan of Arc is an eternal example of courage, faith and determination. Her life leaves us a legacy of valuable teachings that we can apply in our own lives. Through her story, we are reminded of the importance of following our dreams, being brave in adversity, and trust in the Lord. That's why it's so important to all of us.

*Fr. Alex*

**Summer reflection on our relationship with the rest of God's creation**

As summer is right around the corner, let us take some time to be more aware of our relationship with the rest of God's creation. We can participate in activities such as gardening, visiting and cleaning up parks, or visiting the garden of St Gabriel's Passionist Parish in North York at 670 Sheppard Ave. E. (Bessarion subway station). They offer 2 reflective garden walk guides: Companion for the Walk of the Stations of the Cosmic Earth and a Guided Sensory Reflective Walk –available at stgabrielparish.ca/ministries/garden-ministry. "Faithfully and without fail every Sunday, all the life, relationships and creation in our gardens join us in our worship, as together we give steadfast glory to God." Fr. Paul Ruttle, CP, Pastor of St. Gabriel's Parish.

**Garage Sale: Thank you!**

Thank you once again to all who participated in the Garage Sale, last May 25<sup>th</sup>! I am pleased to share that we made about **2,850\$** in the sale! Thank you all for your generosity in time, talent and treasure!

**Merrymakers Lunch – June 20**

The Merrymakers Lunch will be on Thursday, June 20. You may purchase your tickets at the back of the church for \$12 this weekend and next weekend. Menu: Salad plate and Fr. Alex's Apple strudel.



**Prayer to St. Joan of Arc**

Grant me by your divine and powerful intercession, the courage and strength I need to endure this constant fight. Oh St. Joan, help me to be victorious in the tasks god presents to me. Amen.

**Monthly Offertory**

Offertory	Apr 2023	Apr 2024
Envelopes	\$ 5,147	\$ 6,602
Loose	\$ 2,985	\$ 2,389
PAG*	\$ 5,871	\$ 6,443
Total	\$ 14,003	\$15,434

*\*Pre-Authorized Giving*

Contributions to the **Building Maintenance Fund** for the month of April were \$3,715.

**Dates to Remember:**

**June 8/9** – Special Collection, Mary Grove Camp (SVDP)

**June 8** – Father's Day Novena Begin

**June 9** – St. Joan of Arc Day (Parish Celebration). There will only be 1 Mass that day at 11:00am.

**June 12** – CWL Exec. Meeting

**June 14** – Salsa Night

**June 16** – Father's Day

**July 1** – Canada Day (Parish Office Closed – No Mass)

**July 13** – Young Adults Ministry BBQ

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