

St. Joan of Arc Parish

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 12

5:30pm Alfredo Guiao †

Sunday, October 13

10am Parish Community
12pm Int. of Mila Dacanay
(thanksgiving for gift of life)

Monday, October 14

Closed

Tuesday, October 15

5:30 pm Int of Elizabeth
(conversion of family)

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 pm For the sick of our parish
community

Thursday, October 17

5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 18

5:30 pm Cesar Ramos †

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira, Louis Gris, Marianne Chard, Debbie Wagstaff, Mary Kelly.

The Deceased:

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



Friars Nook

It seems that fall has arrived in Toronto. The brisk mornings and the leaves beginning to change. Pretty soon I'll have to put Bodhi's sweater on to take him for walks. And while things are cooling off outside, things are heating up at Saint Joan of Arc. Last weekend we had the Blessing of Animals which many people attended, lots of dogs, some cats (who didn't want to be there), and even a bird. We also had a Pastoral Council retreat which went well and helped set our sights on the coming year.

One of the things that the Pastoral Council noticed was that we have a lot more young families in attendance. In fact, last week we had split up the Children's Liturgy of the Word into two classes because there were so many children. We're looking for ways to serve these young families better and to encourage our young people to be more active in the parish community. We are open to any ideas you might have, especially if you fit into that demographic.

A lot of times people think of the youth as the "future of the church". But they really are the "present of the church." They are present in both senses of the word. They're here now, and they are also gift to the church as a whole. We can't put them off until tomorrow because they may not come back tomorrow.

Pope Francis has said that we are "*a Church that wants to move forward together by listening, dialogue, and the constant discernment of the Lord's will.*" This requires us to listen not simply to adults but to all who will speak from the youngest on up. He goes on to say about young people: "*Never to leave us without your good way of 'making a mess'; your drive, like that of a clean and well-tuned engine; and your own particular way of living and proclaiming the joy of the risen Jesus!*"

Whenever we deal with people it gets messy, change is messy. (But I bet that Pope Francis doesn't have to do his own cleaning!) But we need to have the mess so that we can change for the better. We need the drive and energy of our young people in the parish, and also we need to be open to new ways of living and proclaiming Christ in our lives and in our world with joy.

In terms of joy, we'll be celebrating Oktoberfest on Saturday the 25th of this month and all are welcome, feel free to bring your non-Catholic friends to show them that we are not stodgy and too solemn. We will also be celebrating again a mass for All Souls on Friday evening at 7 PM on November 1st. Please check the bulletin if you wish to be involved in this.

Let's rev up our "well-tuned engines",

Fr. Bob

October 13, 2024

A Season of Creation Thank You from Creation Care Ministry

Thank you everyone for participating in the Season of Creation mass and activities at the parish. "I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mt 25:35)—we brought 295 pounds of donated food to Daily Bread Food Bank in response to the Toronto food insecurity crisis. Many parishioners dropped by our parish hall table and 28 people signed our Season of Creation letter which was sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada. It is still possible to endorse the global Faith Letter through the link on our website www.bit.ly/sjaccm. With gratitude for your generosity and with hope as we continue to respond to "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si' #49).

Stewardship Month – October

We will continue the ministries sign up next weekend and take a short break for the long weekend. Please note that we will feature the Social Ministries (Coffee Ministry, Merrymakers Lunch, St Joan of Arc Day, Receptions/Hospitality) and parish groups (Finance Council, Building and Maintenance, Gardening) on the weekend of October 19/20.

Oktoberfest: Dinner Dance Fundraiser – New Date!

We are excited to announce that Oktoberfest will take place on **Friday, October 25th!** Join us for our fall fundraising event, where you can enjoy a delicious meal, dance the night away, and socialize with fellow parishioners. Dinner begins at 7 PM, followed by dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 PM. Tickets are priced at \$25 (children under 6 years old are free) and will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses starting October 5th at the church entrance and parish hall. Please note, we have only 70 tickets available, so be sure to get yours early! All are welcome—don't miss out on this wonderful evening!

Social Activities during the week:

Card Playing will begin on October 8th at 2pm in the parish hall for Euchre and Board games (bring your own) & on October 10th at 2pm for Bridge and Board Games. All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Drop-In Lunch

Are you someone in need of Thanksgiving plans this year? Are you missing family or living solo? Join us in the parish hall from **12:00pm - 3:00pm** for a simple bowl of Butternut Squash soup and fresh bread, with a light dessert. Donations welcomed, but your presence means more to us. Sit back and enjoy a fresh meal, while enjoying companionship with members of your Pastoral and Hospitality teams. More details to come.

All-Souls Mass: Friday, Nov 1st, at 7:30pm.

The Parishioner Support Ministry invites you to attend an All-Souls Day evening Mass, to honour family members and close friends who have passed away. All are welcome. Merrymakers will host a reception afterwards. Please arrive 15-20 minutes before this special Mass commences, to ensure family names are identified properly.

If you would like to honour a family member or close friend, a donation of \$10 is requested. You will be given a memorial rose. White envelopes will be handed out by the ushers after each Mass. Please drop off your envelope to the church office no later than Mon Oct 28. Latest date to register: Mon, Oct 28.

October Dates to remember

October 14: Thanksgiving Day (No Mass / Parish Office Closed)
**Thanksgiving lunch 12pm*

October 21: Development & Peace Meeting

October 24: Novena for All Souls Day begins

October 25: Oktoberfest 7pm

October 26/27: D&P Fairtrade Sale

October 28: CWL General Meeting

Saints of the Month:

- 01 – St Therese of Lisieux
- 02 – Guardian Angels
- 04 – St. Francis of Assisi
- 05 – St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
- 06 – St Bruno, Priest
- 07 – Our Lady of the Rosary
- 09 – St John Henry Newman
- 11 – St John XXIII, Pope
- 14 – St Callistus I, Pope
- 15 – St Theresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
- 16 – St Mari-Marguerite D'Youville
- 17 – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- 18 – St Luke the Evangelist
- 22 – St John Paul II, Pope
- 23 – St John of Capistrano, Priest
- 24 – St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- 28 – Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

We wish you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving! May God continue to bless you and your families!

From all of us at St Joan of Arc

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