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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

## 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

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm Wednesdays - Closed

# 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



#### Saturday, August 31

5:30pm Sr. Recy Agatha †

#### Sunday, September 1

10am Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski †
12pm Parish Community

#### Monday, September 2 CLOSED

#### Tuesday, September 3

5:30 pm For all students & teachers going back to school

#### Wednesday, September 4

5:30 pm Arlene Domingo †

#### Thursday, September 5

5:30 pm Wayne Joel Gallagher †

#### Friday, September 6

5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Rose Menecola, Rosanne Kelly, Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira, Louis Gris, Marianne Chard, Debbie Wagstaff, Cyril Davis.

#### The Deceased:

John Robertson, Moya Carton, Edna Schlatau





## Friars Nook

One of the great tragedies in all of literature is the biblical story of Saul. Saul is worse than Hamlet. Hamlet, at least, had good reason for the disaster in his life. Saul, given the gifts he started with, should have fared much better.

His story begins with the announcement that in all of Israel no one could compare to him in height, strength, goodness, or acclaim. A natural leader, a prince among his peers, his extraordinary character was recognized and proclaimed by the people. The beginning of his story is one of a fairy tale. And so it goes for a time. However, there comes a time when things begin to go awry. That time was the arrival on the scene of David, a younger, more gifted, and more acclaimed man. Jealousy takes hold of Saul, and envy slowly turns his soul to poison. As he looks at David, he sees only a popularity that eclipses his own, not the goodness of another man or how that goodness can be a gift to the people. He becomes bitter, mean, cold, and tries to kill David. Finally, he dies by his own hand, an angry man who has fallen far from the goodness of his youth.

What has happened here? How does someone who has so much goodness, talent, power, and blessings become an angry, mean man who commits suicide out of disappointment? How does this happen?

But for most of us, while this is happening, we are still good, generous people, except that we are more caustic and critical than we were before. We are still good people, but we complain too much, feel too sorry for ourselves, and curse more than we bless those who have replaced us in youth, popularity, and status. Hence one of the preeminent humans and spiritual tasks in the second half of life is precisely to recognize this envy, this ugliness, within ourselves and to return again to the love and freshness of our youth, to reach a second naivety and begin again to give others, especially the young, the gaze of admiration.

At the beginning of the Apocalypse, St. John, speaking with the voice of God, gives us this advice, at least to those of us who are past the flower of youth: "I have seen how hard you work. I recognize your generosity and all the good work you do. But I have this against you: you have less love now than when you were young! Go back and see where you have fallen." Let us return to God, let us once again have joy and peace in our hearts as they once were.

Fr. Alexander

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#### <u>Religious Education – Registration Announcement</u>

Registration for our Religious Education programs will <u>begin on September 3, 2024</u>. To register your child, please visit Arturo Gonzalez during his office hours on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 1 PM**. Additionally, registrations will be available on Sunday, September 8th and September 15th, after the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses.

Pray and take action this Season of Creation at St. Joan of Arc Parish Next weekend we will celebrate a Season of Creation mass as part of all the weekend masses. Visit Creation Care Ministry's table in the parish hall after next Sunday's masses to find ways to pray and take action on climate change with Christians around the world. Share the gifts of creation with those in need—we will host a food drive throughout September for the Daily Bread Food Bank. One in ten people in Toronto rely on food banks. Labeled boxes are at the back of the Church. Please donate cans and jars only to avoid problems with rodents. See the poster for details and list of most needed items.

#### Thank you, Michael!

After 14 wonderful years of service as St. Joan of Arc's Music Director, we must share the bittersweet news that Michael Thibodeau will be stepping down from his role in our music ministry. His last Mass with us will be on Sunday, September 1st. We are deeply grateful for Michael's unwavering dedication, love, and service to our parish. Your presence here will be sorely missed, but we trust that God will continue to bless you and your family in all your future endeavors. We are truly grateful to have you as a cherished member of the St. Joan of Arc family! Please find a note from Michael below:

I started playing at St. Joan of Arc in March 2010, not long after moving to Toronto from the Maritimes. Although I have always lived in the east end of the city; the friars, friendships, and learnings kept me a servant of the parish. Fourteen years, three degrees, and two children later, I have recently realised I need to be more economical with my time. I will miss very much the Friars of the Atonement, members of the music ministry, and the larger church community. Sincerely, Michael Thibodeau

#### **Hey Young Adults!**

Get ready for a picnic adventure! On September 14th, we're heading to High Park for an afternoon packed with games, delicious food, and awesome vibes. Meet us at the church at 2 PM, and we'll stroll over together. It's the perfect chance to relax, have fun, and hang out with friends. Can't wait to see you there!

September Dates to remember

<u>September 2</u> – Labour Day Monday (Closed)

<u>September 3</u> – Religious Education Registration Open

<u>September 7-8</u>: Season of Creation Mass

<u>September 10:</u> Creation Care Ministry Meeting

<u>September 11</u> – CWL Executive Meeting

<u>September 14</u> – 2pm Young Adults Picnic at High Park

**September 16** – D&P Meeting

<u>September 19</u> – Merrymakers

<u>September 23</u> – CWL General Meeting

<u>September 28/29</u> – D&P Fair Trade Weekend

<u>September 29 –</u> Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation (Special Collection)

<u>September 30</u> – Truth & Reconciliation Day

#### \*SEPTEMBER\*

While Father Bob is out of the office in September, please direct all questions or concerns to Father Alexander Reed at alex@joanofarc.ca. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Updated Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please
note that the office will be closed
on Wednesdays. Thank you!



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