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Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Monday to Thursday afternoons 1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Monday & Wednesday Morning Closed Friday closed

Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

6:30 to 8:30 pm

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 222, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick: To arrange for a visit Call the office ext. 221

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

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 Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Prayer Group Wednesdays after mass

> Parish Council Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6) During 10:00 AM Mass

Lectors: Maryanne Chard 10:00AM Choir Susan McElcheran Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM 12:00 Noon Choir Antoine Pellerin

Ushers: Call the office



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17
Ezekiel 24;15-24 Deut. 32:18-21
Matthew 19:16-22
5:30 pm For our Seniors

Tuesday, August 18

Ezekiel 28:1-10 Deut. 32:26-28 Matthew 19:23-30 5:30 pm Int. of the Friars

Wednesday, August 19

Ezekiel 34:1-11 Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 20:1-16
5:30 pm For the First Communion
Class

Thursday, August 20

Ezekiel 36:23-28 Psalm 51:10-17 Matthew 22:1-14 5:30 pm Deceased of the Parish

Friday, August 21

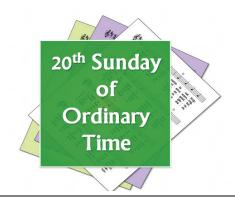
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 107:1-9 Matthew 22:34-40 5:30 pm Int. of our Youth Group

Saturday, August 22

Ezekiel 43:1-7a Psalm 85: Matthew 16:1-12 5:30 pm Parish Community

Sunday, August 23

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 Psalm 138:1-3,6-8 Matthew 16:13-20
10:00 am The Parish Community





THE FRIAR'S NOOK

Peace and Goodness to all!

As I write this, the city of Toronto is busily installing the new bicycle lanes on Bloor Street in front of the church. Although it means slightly less parking is available, I think it will be safer for anyone who chooses to bicycle across town.

It brings me back to memories of when I got my first bike. The freedom I felt being able to travel much further than I could on foot. There came sort of independence, that I hadn't had before. My friends and I could ride to the store, which for us was a mile and a half away. We used to ride through a housing development that was under construction and fly off mountains of dirt. As I got older, and got a better bike, I traveled even further making a 20-mile trip to my cousins' house and back.

Growing up is all about expanding our reach and becoming freer. As we become more trustworthy, we are given more trust. Of course, we're not always worthy of that trust as we sometimes make dumb decisions which can end up in cuts, scrapes, broken bones, and as we get older broken hearts!

And yet we still want that freedom that growing up affords. We want to make our own mistakes even if our parents try to protect us. [Perhaps especially when our parents try to protect us!] We eventually get to do as we want, right or wrong. Hopefully, we grow to do more right than wrong.

Fortunately for us, we have a God who gives us ultimate freedom. He lets us make mistakes in hopes of learning from them and always welcomes us back. Not once can I remember God telling me "I told you so". But that freedom comes at a cost. While we are free to run to God, we are also free to run away from God. Hopefully, we learn to do the former and not the latter. But God is always there for us, right or wrong, good or bad, to welcome us into His loving embrace.

As we become more independent, we need to remember not to become independent from God! We need God in our lives, His protection and guidance, but especially His love and forgiveness. As we grow up, we need to remember not to grow old! Because no matter how old you get you will still always be a child of God.

Don't forget to maintain your childlike love of God and wonder of His world. Don't be afraid to be silly sometimes, it feeds the soul. And wherever you go, roll with God!

Have a good week, Fr. Bob.

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Carmen Grech, Gary Hartnett, Krystyna Tybinkowski,

Donna Scholich and Brendan Crowley

The Deceased: Gina Sylvester, Ross Best and Ken Ward

Canadian Missions Collection

This week we should be holding our Collection due to Covid 19 we are behind. Envelopes will not be put out and you are asked to use plain envelopes and mark Canadian Missions on the envelope. Our Mission Collection proceeds are divided, half and half, to two mission projects each year. The first is "Catholic Missions in Canada" (CMIC), supported by many of the dioceses in English Canada for parishes, missions and dioceses across the country that are not able to sustain themselves. The second is the "Archdiocese of Toronto Mission Collection" for the Diocese of Mac Kenzie-Fort Smith (Yellowknife, NWT) and the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan (Grande Prairie. AB). Both dioceses are considered northern dioceses and in need of help. Many of the dioceses in Canada have partnered with one or two northern dioceses to offer financial aid and (sometimes) personnel. It began when the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith changed the status of several northern dioceses from "missionary" to "regular." Remember to make cheques payable to St. Joan of Arc and on the Memo line mark Canadian Missions.

Humanitarian Relief

An enormous explosion devastated the city of Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in what the local mayor called "a national catastrophe." The situation in Lebanon is dire. At least 154 people died in the explosion and 5,000 were injured –those numbers are expected to rise over the coming days. The explosion also destroyed vital food stores and left 300,000 people homeless (representing roughly 12 per cent of the city's population). Five hundred hospital beds, as well as important medical supplies needed for the country's COVID-19 response, were also damaged in the blast. At this time, we ask the faithful to please donate to the Lebanon relief effort, if they are able. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency with extensive on-the-ground networks in Lebanon. CNEWA staff are currently working to send food, water, medical supplies and hygiene products to Beirut. Spiritual and psychological support will also be provided to those who lost everything in a blink of an eye. Later, CNEWA will rebuild housing and help re-establish those who lost their livelihoods in this disaster. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: ☐ Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (click on the "Donate Now" button at the top of the page): www.archtoronto.org ☐ By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411 ☐ Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – and on the memo line put Lebanon Relief Effort – Disaster Relief

Sunday Mass at St Joan of Arc

Fr. Bob will continue to stream the 10:00 am mass on Sundays, for those of us who are uncomfortable returning to church at this time. Mass is also televised daily on different channels and times.

Invitation for this summer leading up to the Season of Creation.

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4, and calls Christians around the world to pray and care for creation. Creation Ministry invites you to visit their website at www.bit.ly/sjacm to learn about the Season of Creation Including related suggestions for prayer, reflection and action this summer. Move along the way of living well with less and letting the earth rest by making a commitment to reduce waste-we have posted some tips for reducing waste as we deal with Covid-19. Find out how to add your leaf to St. Joan of Arc's **Ecological Commitment Tree and** inspire other to take action.



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