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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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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 or Fr. Alex 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
4th Monday of the Month

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 1:00 PM

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 14

5:30pm Souls in Purgatory †

Tuesday, April 15

5:30pm Souls in Purgatory †

Wednesday, April 16

5:30pm Fernando Trillo

Thursday, April 17

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18

3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 19

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
There is no 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, April 20

10am The Parish Community

12pm The Parish Community

SANCTUARY LAMP

(April 13 - 19)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for Babylyn Mendoza.
Please keep her in your prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Pope Francis
Maryann Chard
Mary Kelly
Ken Francis
Virginia Kiflit
Mark Szuba

The Deceased

Nilton Alves Gomes
Patricia Lobraico
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
Blanca Cecilia Munoz Garcia
Alicja Wrona



The Friar's Nook

Over the past several months, your Pastoral Council and I have been working on a 3-year pastoral plan for the parish. We've been looking at our various needs, the direction of the parish and where we would like to see the parish continue to grow. We have put together a fairly extensive document and are currently transitioning into Year 2 of the plan.

Last Monday evening, they invited Bishop Robert Kasun, the regional bishop for the Central Pastoral Region in the Archdiocese of Toronto, for Mass and dinner and to present our plan, as is, to him. During this time, the Archdiocese has been working on its own Pastoral Plan and Bishop Kasun was impressed that we have a document so well put together. In fact, he said this is the first Pastoral Plan for a parish that he's ever seen! From what he said, I think the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan will be inspired by some of the many great ideas in our plan. He thinks, as do I, that having a Pastoral Plan in place will be of great help to the new Pastor when he arrives toward the end of June. Since he has not been a Pastor before, this will give him a framework to understand where the parish has been, where it is now and where it will hopefully go in the future. The Bishop also said he's never been invited to a parish to do this before. Mostly, he will receive complaints, so he was delighted to come by and share in conversation with the Pastoral Council.

Pope Francis has been working toward developing synodality in the Church, where everyone's voice is heard and listened to. He goes on to say, "*We cannot leave out the participation of the people; their wisdom, the wisdom of the humbler groups cannot be set aside.*" We have been working at this, that way, our mission statement, "All Are Welcome" has real meaning. To that end, we had a retreat morning with the leads of the various groups here at St. Joan's to present the plan to them and get their feedback. They were overwhelmingly optimistic and gave us their input!

The next step will be to present it to the parish. My hope is that you are equally excited about where we are growing as we continue to look forward to the future. We have had to pare it down because there are so many things we want to do, but are limited by our finances, our time and our energy. When the plan is presented to the parish, we will be welcoming your input as well. Please keep in mind that you are the Church and in order for us to move forward with where we feel God is leading us, we need you. We can't simply sit back and wait for someone else to do it for you/us. This means a commitment of time, talent and treasure. We need people to share their gifts with our Catholic community. We need people to offer their time and the funds to accomplish it all.

Humbly, we ask that you consider an increase in your giving so that we can offer all the great aspects of our Pastoral Plan you will soon come to hear more about. As we begin Holy Week and reflect on the journey that Jesus made for us, let us think about the journey that we are called to make for Him and others.

*May His Holiness fill you,
Fr. Bob*

April 12/13, 2025



Welcome to Holy Week! Once again, our parish community will begin the journey to Jerusalem and Calvary. We invite you to consider inviting someone to our Catholic home this Easter, where all will be welcomed and accompanied in faith.

Way of the Cross (Apr. 15)

7:00pm - Church

...presented by the Dramatic Arts students
of Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton CSS

Holy Thursday (Apr. 17)

7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

...with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament until 10:00pm

Good Friday (Apr. 18)

3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

.....with the Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday (Apr. 19)

2:00pm – Blessing of Easter Foods

8:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass

...with Blessing of the New Fire

Easter Sunday (Apr. 20)

10:00am and 12:00pm

All Are Welcome at St. Joan of Arc Parish!

Holy Thursday Collection (Apr. 17)

This year's Holy Thursday collection will be taken up for the needs of our St. Vincent de Paul chapter within the parish. We encourage you to write your full name and address on any envelope you use, so that you may be credited for your generosity. Thank you for your support of St. Vincent de Paul and the great work they do, in service to the poor.

Merrymakers Luncheon (Postponed)

The Merrymakers Luncheon, originally scheduled for April 24, has been cancelled. Anyone who has purchased a ticket is asked to speak with Joan Spencer to obtain a refund.

Sakura Craft Workshop (Apr. 26)

Join us this Sakura (cherry blossom) season for a hands-on workshop where you'll craft your own cherry blossom branch guided by a paper flower artist. Register today in the hall!

ShareLife Parish Campaign

Our annual ShareLife appeal at St. Joan of Arc is a reminder that we are not a congregational Church and that we belong to a greater community that needs our support. Our Parish Goal for 2025 is **\$46,000**. So far, we have raised **\$9504**. There will be many more opportunities to give before the end of the ShareLife campaign this fall. **Thank you!**

Stewardship during Holy Week

Many of our parishioners and ministries will be giving of their time, talent and treasure in extra ways this coming week. We appreciate the commitment by so many in creating a community where our liturgies are impactful through prayer, hospitality and inspiring music. Please thank one of our many volunteers when you see them this week.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for April 5/6	
Expenses	\$7288
Envelopes	\$2350
Loose	+\$900
PAG (wk)	+\$1828
Online	+\$96
Received	= \$5174
Short	- \$2114

** We require \$7288 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our basic parish expenses.

Please consider a sacrificial donation and/or gift to the parish this Easter. Our celebrations make up a very significant portion of our annual budget, helping us compensate our staff, while offering great love and care through our many diverse programs here on campus. **Please be generous.**

**MONTH OF APRIL
AT A GLANCE**

Apr. 13 – 20 – Holy Week
(see above schedule)

Apr. 15 – Parish
Dramatization of the
Stations of the Cross
by BMTM Students (7pm)

Apr. 19 – Blessing of
Easter Foods (2pm)

Apr. 26 – Sakura Crafting
(10am, 12pm, 2pm)

Apr. 26/27 – Fair Trade
& Petition-Signing in
the Parish Hall

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