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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 26

5:30pm Mary & Thomas Blok †

Tuesday, May 27

5:30pm Walter Blok Szymczak †

Wednesday, May 28

Int. of Banez Family

Thursday, May 29

5:30pm In thanksgiving

Friday, May 30

5:30pm Int. of the Pertili Family

Saturday, May 31

3:30pm Int. of Volen

5:30pm For the Parish Community

Sunday, June 1

10am For the Parish Community

SANCTUARY LAMP

(May 25 – May 31)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for The Harshman Family.
Please keep them in your prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Mary Anne Chard,
Mary Kelly,
Mark Szuba,
Anne Szuba,
Gioia Santoro,
Laura Carinci,
Cecilia Salazar,
Bernadette Swan,
Helena Harshman

The Deceased

Pope Francis,
Mary Amoleko,
Nilton Gomes,
Vivian Gomes,
Blanca Cecilia Munoz Garcia,
Emerlinda U. Bernal



The Friar's Nook

"Peace be with you all! Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!"

These are the words of Pope Leo XIV and they are words of joy for us to hear. In fact, I think he would fit right in at St. Joan of Arc where "All are Welcome"! To prove it he goes on to say: "Our work is to enlarge the tent and to let everyone know they are welcome inside the Church."

In the past few years, we have witnessed growth here at the parish. And I hope that growth is because of our "All are welcome" direction. I know I've heard from many people who have come here and have felt welcome by you. And I hope that continues on into the future. When I met with Father Anish, I told him that we were a very cosmopolitan community. We have people from all over the world. And from all sorts of backgrounds. And they feel welcome here. That's why they call us their spiritual home.

I hope that I had at least some small part in the growth of this community. But before our parish can witness to welcoming, we ourselves as individuals need to be welcoming. We are not called to judgment as Jesus reminds us. And we are called to forgiveness. As Jesus taught us: "Forgive give us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Sometimes it's easier to be welcoming to the stranger than to the ones we know fairly well. Or, when someone doesn't look like us, we are visually reminded that perhaps they also don't think like us. And so, we can be more generous in spirit. But when someone does look like us, or we think we know them, we can find it easy to judge them because they're not acting as we would. And we see ourselves as being the model of perfection.

If you recall, Jesus said. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect". I think in all humility we recognize that we are far from perfect. But that doesn't give us any excuse not to seek the perfection of God. That means we need to seek God's will and God's wisdom not our own. Especially when we are convinced that we are right. All this requires humility. And if we can't be humble to our brothers and sisters, how can we be saying that we are humble in the sight of God? Jesus came to us as a sign of the humility of God. He calls us to follow him with love that is self-giving.

As a parish you will be undergoing some changes soon and I pray that, as I can no longer be with you, you will remember "All are welcome" and continue to show humility, kindness, and love. To anyone who comes here. (Especially your new pastor).

Peace,

Fr. Bob

May 24/25, 2025



10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' letter on care for our common home

Development and Peace, Creation Care Ministry and the CWL are co-hosting a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' letter on Care for our Common Home, this Sunday during coffee ministry after the 10 AM mass. Visit Creation Care Ministry's table in the hall and after coffee ministry join them on a prayer walk of gratitude and care for creation through High Park. All are welcome to the opening prayer outside the main Church doors.

"Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually..." Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #92.

TURN DEBT INTO HOPE – THANK YOU

Thank you to the **170** St. Joan of Arc Parishioners who signed the *Turn Debt Into Hope* global petition calling for the cancellation of unjust debts for countries in the Global South to whom we (the Global North) owe a huge ecological / climate debt. Our signatures join the over **10,546** D&P signatures across Canada, and will be presented to our Canadian Government at the **G7 Summit** in Kananaskis, Alberta. (June 15-17, 2025). If you haven't yet signed, you can do so online at devp.org/debt

Sacred Shifts: Parish Days of Reflection (May 24-26)

As we begin saying farewell to the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, you are invited to join us on Monday, May 26 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Church. Together, we will reflect upon transition, change and movement within our parish community and world, while offering prayer and thanksgiving for the Friars. Our Day of Reflection speaker will also address our community at all masses on May 24/25. All are Welcome.

German baking open classes (May 27)

This week Fr. Alex will be teaching crumble cake (streusel kuchen). Open class, all are welcome!

St. Joan of Arc Feast Day (June 1)

This year, we are focusing on our youngest parishioners—celebrating their energy, building friendships, and creating joyful memories together.

Please note: There will be only one Mass that day at 10:00 AM, followed by a family celebration with food, games, and fun activities for children and youth.

Schedule:

10:00 AM – Mass

11:00 AM–1:00 PM – Family BBQ lunch & outdoor fun

Join us for this joyful celebration—ALL ARE WELCOME!

Temporary Building Closure (June 6-8)

Please note that all rooms, including washrooms on the ground level, will be unavailable from **Friday at 6:00 PM until Sunday at 9:00 AM**. During this time, our cleaning team will be waxing the floors. **The church entrance will remain accessible for Saturday Mass.** For safety and maintenance reasons, no one—human (unless you are related to St. Joseph of Cupertino) or pet (no matter how friendly)—will be allowed on the ground level of the building during this period. Thank you for your cooperation!

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for May 17/18	
Expenses	\$7288
Envelopes	\$1300
Loose	+ \$ 816
PAG (wk)	+ \$1790
Tip Tap	70
Online	-
Received	= \$3976
Short	- \$3312

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

Your generosity helps us to make our community alive through various liturgies and many outreach initiatives.

Thank you for your support.

NEXT WEEKS AT A GLANCE

May 24-26 – Sacred Shifts:
Parish Reflection Days

May 27 – Euchre (1:30pm)

May 27 – German baking
open classes (7pm)

May 29 – CWL, general
meeting (6pm)

June 1 – St. Joan of Arc
Day (11am-1pm)

June 6-8 – Floor waxing
weekend (restricted access
to the church building)

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