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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### 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

## **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



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, June 2

5:30pm Marisa Cozza Gargiulo †

## Tuesday, June 3

5:30pm Ona Bush †

#### Wednesday, June 4

5:30pm Int. of The Siebenaler Family

#### Thursday, June 5

5:30pm Int. of the St. Joan of Arc Staff Members

#### Friday, June 6

5:30pm Int. of The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

#### Saturday, June 7

5:30pm Int. of the St. Joan of Arc Ministry Leaders

#### Sunday, June 8

10am Vivian Castellanos †

12pm Int. of the St. Joan of Arc Volunteers

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

(June 1 – June 7)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Parish Community. Please keep us 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, Erica Lovley

#### The Deceased

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



## The Friar's Nook

St. John the Apostle

Among the Easter witnesses, the beloved disciple stands out. He was the first to believe in his Master's resurrection (Jn 20:8); he was the one who recognized the Lord on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias (Jn 21:7).

The disciple, who on the night of the Last Supper had reclined on Jesus's breast, upon receiving the news of the empty tomb, ran to find out what the women were saying. The text notes the detail that he ran faster than Peter.

It is surprising that no Gospel text reveals the name of the one to whom Jesus, before dying, entrusted the care of his mother—"Son, behold, your mother" (Jn 19:27)—and of whom the Lord himself said to Peter: "If I want her to remain until I come, what is that to you?" You, follow me" (Jn 21:22).

Generally, the beloved disciple is interpreted as John, one of the sons of Zebedee. Some exegetes explain that the intention of the text, by not revealing the name of the perfect disciple, who enjoyed the greatest intimacy with the Master, who was faithful in the difficult hour and believed before anyone else in the risen Jesus Christ, is to present the perfect disciple in the form of a figure, the one to whom we should look when obeying the call to follow Jesus.

"Saint John does not write a treatise abstract, philosophical, or even theological, about what love is. No, he is not a theorist. As an Apostle and friend of Jesus, he shows us the components, or rather, the phases of Christian love, a movement characterized by three moments. The first concerns the Source of love itself, which the Apostle places in God, going so far as to affirm that "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16). The second step, "God concretely demonstrated his love by entering human history through the person of Jesus Christ, incarnate, dead, and risen for us" (Jn 3:16). The Christian, contemplating this "excess" of love, cannot help but ask himself what his response should be. And I believe that each of us must ask himself this question again and again. This question introduces us to the third moment of the dynamic of love" (Benedict XVI, audience of August 9, 2006).

Fr. Alexander



# Sacred Shifts Reflections: Ascension and Our Call to Faithful Continuity

The Sacred Shifts reflection days invited us to pause, listen, and notice the movements of God in our lives—those sacred shifts that invite transformation, even when they come through change, loss, and letting go.

As Merrick, our speaker, pointed out, this Sunday's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord echoes that very theme. The disciples experienced a profound shift: Jesus, who had walked with them, taught them, and returned from death, was now ascending—leaving them again.

It may have felt like another goodbye, another loss. But it was also a moment of deep trust. Jesus entrusted them with the mission. He left, not in sorrow, but in glory—because he believed in the Church they would become.

As we prepare to say farewell to the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, who have served our parish with faith and love for nearly 30 years, we too stand at a threshold moment. It is bittersweet—but also sacred. We give thanks for their legacy, and we step forward as a community that God now entrusts with the next chapter.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Merrick Siebenaler, our Sacred Shifts speaker, for his thoughtful reflections, guidance and an opportunity to share our hearts with the congregation. A thank you goes to our Pastoral Council for organizing the event, and to the General Council of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement for generously funding it. Let us walk in gratitude, unity, and hope—attentive to one another and the sacred shifts still unfolding among us.

#### German baking open classes (June 3)

This week Fr. Alex will be teaching stollen, a traditional German Christmas bread. Open class, all are welcome!

#### **Temporary Building Closure** (June 6-8)

Please note that all rooms, <u>including washrooms</u> 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.** 

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Expenses	\$7288
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Short	- \$3382

\*\* 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

June 3 – German baking open classes (7pm)

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

June 7/8 – ShareLife special collection

June 11 – CWL executive meeting (1:30pm)

June 20-22 – Legacy Weekend

June 21/22 – St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection

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