

## St. Joan of Arc

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Altar Servers** Call the office

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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 contact Fr. Anish 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 10:00am to 3:30pm 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



#### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, July 28 5:30pm Ross Best †

#### Tuesday, July 29 5:30pm Mrs. Halina Eustachiwna †

#### Wednesday, July 30 5:30pm For the Parish Community

### Thursday, July 31

5:30pm For the sick of the Parish Community

#### Friday, August 1

5:30pm For the deceased of the Parish Community

#### Saturday, August 2 5:30pm For the Parish Community

## Sunday, August 3 10am 10 AM George Pierce †

12pm Fredrick Cornelius †

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

(July 27 – August 2)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for Ross Best † Please keep him in your prayer.

#### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### The Sick

Maryann Chard Mary Kelly Mark Szuba, Anne Szuba Ted Daniel, Laura Gill

#### The Deceased

Vivian Castellanos, Andrea Wally, Mary Lou Grey, Susana Noboa, Beverly Johnson Genoveffa Farenga Aldo Canino



### The Pastor's Nook

Dear Parish Family,

On this Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we reflect on the profound invitation to strengthen our connection with God through persistent prayer. Our first reading from Genesis (18:20-32) reminds us of Abraham's courageous intercession for his nephew Lot. Abraham boldly approached God, demonstrating that prayer is both a responsibility and a powerful tool we can use for ourselves and others.

When we pray, we unlock the heart of God, allowing His grace to flow into our lives and the lives of those we intercede for. Like Abraham, let us not hesitate to bring our loved ones before the Lord, trusting that our prayers can move mountains and unlock healing, protection, and salvation.

In the second reading (Col 1:12-14), St. Paul reminds us of our redemption through Christ. We approach our Heavenly Father through faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our patron saint, St. Joan of Arc, embodies this spirit of courage and faith. She relied heavily on prayer in her quest to lead her nation to victory. As she remarked, "If I am not in the state of grace, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me."

Today's Gospel (Luke 11:1-13) reveals Jesus teaching us how to pray. He invites us to seek, ask, and knock with the assurance that God listens. St. John Chrysostom said, "Nothing is as powerful as a praying soul." It is through prayer that we develop our friendship with God, nurturing our spiritual lives and promoting holiness.

As we seek God, let us remember that He may not provide everything we ask for immediately, as true nourishment for our souls takes time. Just as St. Joan faced trials and obstacles on her path, we too must be persistent in our prayer lives. "Act and God will act," she urged, emphasizing that our efforts must meet divine grace.

Let us commit to interceding for one another, leaning on the Holy Spirit to guide our prayers. The Church teaches us that our prayers can transcend distance and time there are no barriers in God's kingdom. With persistence and faith, may we strive to deepen our spiritual lives and share the love of Christ with our community.

May our prayers lift us closer to the heart of God, transforming us into instruments of His peace and love.

Blessings, Fr. Anish Alex

#### **Ordinary Time Sunday**



#### ALL ARE WELCOME AT ST. JOAN OF ARC. WRAPPED IN COMMUNITY. HELD IN PRAYER.

#### **Parish Office Update**

Our parish manager, Joanna, will be on vacation from Friday, July 25 to Wednesday, July 30. The parish office will remain open as usual, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and staff. However, phone availability may be limited during this time. Please be sure to leave a voicemail if you call or consider emailing us instead. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed** (August 13, 7pm)

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7 pm.

Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto - Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo,

Archbishop of Toronto

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Reverend Monsignor Edgar Pan

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie - Most Rev. John Corriveau

#### In the event of rain, masses will be held in:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum Chapel at Assumption Cemetery

Cemetery Office Reception Centre at Christ the King Cemetery

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery

St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto for Mount Hope Cemetery

St. Anthony's Mausoleum Chapel at Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie for St. Mary's Cemetery

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#### Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine (September 14)

Join the Holy Rosary Parish Council for Rosary Sunday at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. Tickets: \$50 (includes bus transportation). To reserve your spot, call or text Pauline Olindang at 416-919-0634 or email <a href="mailto:cwlholyrosarycouncil@gmail.com">cwlholyrosarycouncil@gmail.com</a>.

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for July 12/13	
7,288	
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3,542	

\*\* 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.



#### **Peach Caprese Salad**

Slice fresh peaches and mozzarella.

Layer with basil leaves.

Drizzle with balsamic glaze

and a touch of olive oil.

Sprinkle with salt

and pepper.

Enjoy chilled!

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