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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

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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, August 11

5:30pm Marcelo Quinteros †

Tuesday, August 12

5:30pm Daniel Olmedo †

Wednesday, August 13

5:30pm Ignacio Olmedo †

Thursday, August 14

5:30pm Elisabeth Gonsalves †

Friday, August 15

5:30pm Antonio Lagdamen †

Saturday, August 16

5:30pm Ed Benson

Sunday, August 17

10am Teofil Ratajczak †

12pm Parish Community

SANCTUARY LAMP

(August 10-16)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for Lina & Alex Banez Family
Please keep them in your prayer.

WE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Maryann Chard

Mary Kelly

Mark Szuba, Anne Szuba

Ted Daniel,

Laura Gill,

Sylvia Casper

The Deceased

Beverly Johnson

Genoveffa Farenga

Aldo Canino



The Pastor's Nook

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus.

This 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time offers us a profound reminder of who we truly are -God's chosen people, His beloved flock, redeemed and made new in Christ. The readings from Wisdom, Hebrews, and the Gospel of Luke weave a rich tapestry of identity, faith, and divine promise. They call us to remember our heritage as sons and daughters of the Kingdom, and to live lives that reflect this divine reality.

The Jewish people rightly cherished the identity of being "God's elect," and indeed, through Christ, this sacred privilege has been extended to all who are baptized into His Body. The Catechism affirms that Baptism makes us "a new creature, an adopted child of God, and a partaker in the divine nature" (CCC 1265). Through this grace, we have been grafted into the family of God, not by birthright, but by faith, like our father Abraham, whose unwavering trust in God opened the door to eternal blessings.

"Faith," the author of Hebrews tells us, "is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It is the very DNA of our divine ancestry the mark of those who belong to God. St. Augustine once said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." As God's people, we are called to live with this faith not merely profess it with our lips but carry it out through lives of holiness, service, generosity, and hope.

The Gospel today invites us to be vigilant, watchful, and detached from worldly treasures. Jesus warns, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." In our age of constant distractions and material pursuits, we must ask ourselves: Are we building our treasure in heaven or on earth? Are our hearts truly set on God's kingdom, or are they entangled in things that will pass away?

St. Teresa of Avila beautifully reminds us: "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes." And St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, who's feast we celebrated on August 4th wisely said, "You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God." There is no middle ground for those who seek the Kingdom.

Jesus' comforting words, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom," are not only a promise they are an invitation. We are reminded not to live in fear, but in joyful expectation, knowing that we are heirs to something far greater than this world could ever offer. But to inherit this kingdom, we must remain vigilant, prepared

Ordinary Time Sunday

and faithful like the servants awaiting their master's return.

Let us be a parish community that takes this call seriously. Let our faith be active and alive, not just in name, but in how we worship, how we serve one another, how we give, how we forgive, and how we live as witnesses of the Gospel. Let us cherish and safeguard our heritage with the same zeal that the saints before us did with courage, joy, and unwavering hope.

May we be, as the psalmist proclaims, "the happy people the Lord has chosen as his own."

"Jesus, I trust in You"

Fr. Anish Alex



Weekday Parking Reminder for Daily Mass Attendees

If you attend daily Mass from Monday to Friday and use our parish parking lot, please submit your license plate number and car make/model to the mailbox on the Parish Manager's door. This helps us ensure your vehicle is on the list of authorized cars.

This does not apply to Saturday and Sunday, as the lot is reserved and blocked off for parishioners only on weekends.

Our Parish Manager, Joanna will be away from the office on August 12 & 13

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.

Father Anish's Installation Mass (September 14, 12pm)

During the Installation Mass Father Anish will be officially appointed by the bishop as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish. We will celebrate this moment with Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB on Sunday, September 14 at 12pm.

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 cwlholysarycouncil@gmail.com.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for August 2/3

Expenses	7,288
Envelopes	1,745
Loose	606
PAG (wk)	1,770
Online	0
TipTap	115
**Received	4,236
Short	3,052

** 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

August 16/17
Canadian Missions
special collection

September 14 – Father
Anish's Installation Mass
with Bishop Robert Kasun
(12pm)

September 14 – Pilgrimage
to the Martyr's Shrine with
the Holy Rosary Parish
Council

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