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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 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.devpo.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 18

5:30pm Parish Community

Tuesday, August 19

5:30pm Carmen Granada †

Wednesday, August 20

5:30pm Jose Olmedo Granada †

Thursday, August 21

5:30pm Parish Community

Friday, August 22

5:30pm Parish Community

Saturday, August 23

5:30pm Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski
†

Sunday, August 24

10am Parish Community

12pm Parish Community

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

My dear Parishioners, readings for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time call us to something both challenging and beautiful: to let the fire of Christ purify our hearts so that we can stand firm against evil, even when it costs us.

In the first reading (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10), we see the prophet Jeremiah suffer rejection and persecution simply for speaking God's truth. Though the world tried to silence him, God rescued him. This is a reminder that when we suffer for righteousness, the Lord will not abandon us. As the Psalmist says: "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined to me and heard my cry."

Second reading from (Hebrews 12:1-4), we are urged to "run with perseverance the race set before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Our strength comes not from ourselves but from Christ, who endured the ultimate sacrifice out of love for us.

Then in the Gospel (Luke 12:49-53), Jesus speaks about bringing "fire" to the earth not a fire of destruction, but of purification and transformation. This is the fire of the Holy Spirit, burning away selfishness, sin, and fear, so that our lives radiate God's peace and love.

St. Catherine of Siena once said: "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire." This is the kind of fire Jesus longs for in our souls a love so intense that it refuses to remain passive in the face of injustice, indifference, or evil.

St. John of the Cross reminds us: "Love is the flame which, when it blazes, consumes everything else but God." This purifying fire may cause division, even in families, because the Gospel challenges worldly comfort, self-interest, and compromise. But division for the sake of truth is not hatred; it is love that refuses to settle for less than God's will.

The message for us today is clear:

Let Jesus burn away whatever keeps you from loving fully.

Be willing to sacrifice for the sake of truth and goodness.

Stay rooted in prayer so that the fire of the Holy Spirit never goes out.

St. Augustine once prayed: "Lord, enkindle our hearts with the fire of Your love." Let this be our prayer this week. May our parish be a community where this fire burns brightly purifying, transforming, and setting the world aflame with the love of Christ.

Lord Jesus, set my heart on fire with Your love, purify me from all that is not of You, and make me a light in the darkness for Your glory.

"Jesus I trust in you"

In Christ's love,

Fr. Anish Alex

Ordinary Time Sunday



Choir is calling!

Have you been giving Grammy-worthy performances in your shower? It might be time to take your talents to the next level! Both our choirs are welcoming new members this fall.

- For the 10 AM choir, contact Susan McElcheran
- For the 12 PM choir, contact Dorothy Pellerin

Share your talent with us, your shampoo bottle audience will understand.

Parish Office Update

Our parish manager, Joanna, will be on vacation from Monday, August 25 to Friday, August 29. 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.

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 cwlholyroarycouncil@gmail.com.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for August 9/10

Expenses	7,288
Envelopes	N/A
Loose	N/A
PAG (wk)	N/A
Online	N/A
TipTap	N/A
**Received	N/A
Short	N/A

Last weeks offertory numbers were not available.

** 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)

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