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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

## 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](http://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, September 1**

5:30pm Holiday – No Mass

### **Tuesday, September 2**

5:30pm Parish Schools

### **Wednesday, September 3**

5:30pm Souls in Purgatory †

### **Thursday, September 4**

5:30pm Parish Community

### **Friday, September 5**

5:30pm Parish Community

### **Saturday, September 6**

5:30pm Gladys & Stanley  
Jurkowski †

### **Sunday, September 7**

10am Parish Community

12pm Intention Available

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

(Aug. 31 - Sept. 6)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
burns for Rose DiTommaso.  
Please keep her in your prayer.

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### **The Sick**

Maryann Chard  
Mark & Anne Szuba  
Mary Kelly  
Ted Daniel  
Laura Gill  
Sylvia Casper

#### **The Deceased**

Beverly Johnson  
Genoveffa Farenga  
Aldo Canino  
Rose DiTommaso  
Fr. Jim Carruthers, CSB



## *The Pastor's Nook*

My dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the Word of God invites us to reflect on a virtue at the very heart of Christian life: humility. Sirach tells us, "Behave humbly, and you will find favor with the Lord" (Sir 3:17). Jesus, in today's Gospel, reminds us: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 14:11).

Humility is not weakness, nor is it low self-esteem. It is truth lived out in love - the truth about who we are before God and in relation to others. St. Augustine once said, "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."

Likewise, St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us: "If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."

Jesus, the Son of God, clothed Himself in humility - born in a manger, obedient to His parents, washing the feet of His disciples, and ultimately giving His life for us on the Cross. From Mary, too, we learn the beauty of humility. In her Magnificat she proclaims, "He has looked with favor on His lowly servant" (Lk 1:48). Her lowliness opened the way for God's greatness. Humility transforms our daily lives in very practical ways:

- It helps us listen before we speak.
- It allows us to forgive rather than hold grudges.
- It makes us grateful rather than entitled.
- It frees us to serve without seeking recognition.

St. Francis de Sales teaches: "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as real strength." True humility is strength under the guidance of love.

This week, let us examine our hearts: Why do we do good for others? Is it for recognition, or is it for love? Jesus calls us to invite those who cannot repay us, to love those who cannot love us back, and to serve without seeking reward. Our only motive must be love for God and for our neighbour.

Let us pray together the words of the Church:

*"O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine."*

May we, as a parish family, grow in the humble love of Christ, so that our lives may shine with the joy of the Kingdom and our reward may be eternal life with Him.

In Christ's humility and love,  
Fr. Anish Alex



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

## PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

### **Celebrate the Season of Creation at St. Joan of Arc Parish**

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Season of Creation as part of all our Masses. Visit Creation Care Ministry's bulletin board in the parish hall to learn more about the Season of Creation including ways you can reflect and take meaningful action. A copy is posted of *Seeds of Peace and Hope*, Pope Leo's message for the September 1<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

"In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn* 12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings... In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope." Pope Leo, *Seeds of Peace and Hope*.

### **Fr. Anish's Installation Mass** (Sept. 14)

Don't forget! Bishop Robert Kasun, our regional bishop, will be with us to formally install Fr. Anish as our Pastor at the 12:00pm Mass. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall after.

### **Creation Care Prayer Walk** (Sept. 21)

Remember the Prayer Walk we were supposed to do as a community back in May? Well, it rained that day and were subject to a video presentation in the hall instead. We've rescheduled the walk for Sept. 21 and are hoping we'll have good weather! Bring a pair of running shoes and a bottle of water. We will begin our time together here at the Church.

### **Fair Trade Weekend** (Sept. 28)

With the arrival of September and the fall season comes a return of the popular Fair Trade sale! Development and Peace once again welcomes you to their Fair Trade Sale next weekend in the Parish Hall following the Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 10:00am Masses. Parishioners attending the Sunday 12:00pm Mass can stop by until 11:50am. They will have a variety of coffees, teas, oils and chocolates for sale, with proceeds supporting farmers in the developing world. Shop local and make a global impact here at home!

### **Join your Parish's Music Ministry** (This Fall)

The Music Ministry at St. Joan of Arc brings together the faith experience and diverse talents of many people who come to lead our worshipping community to a fully, conscious and active participation in our celebrations of Eucharist. Both of our choirs on Sunday are welcoming new members this fall. Speak with Susan McElcheran (10am Mass) or Dorothy Pellerin (12 Noon Mass) for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Your Gifts to God (\$)**

....for August 23/24	
<b>*Expenses</b>	\$7288
Envelopes	\$1170
Loose	+\$684
PAG (wk)	+\$1770
Online	+\$19
TipTap	+\$110
<b>Received</b>	= \$3753
<b>(Short)</b>	-\$3535

\* We pray for **\$7288** a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our parish's daily expenses.

Please consider a sacrificial donation and/or gift to your Parish this summer. Our weekly collections make up a very significant portion of our annual budget, helping us compensate our staff, while offering great care through our many diverse programs within the parish.

**Please be generous.**

### **CATHOLIC CACKLE**

A rather young carpenter passed away and went before St. Peter. "This is an injustice," he says. "I'm only 45 and I have to go to Heaven already! There is still so much I could still do!"

"Woah there, my son!" says St. Peter. "Hold your horses, you still have Purgatory to go through. Besides, judging by the working hours you charged your customers, you're about 98 years old, which is a ripe old age if you ask me!"

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