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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
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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 4:00 PM



MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, September 8

5:30pm For the Sick of our Parish
Community

Tuesday, September 9

5:30pm For the Deceased of our
Parish Community

Wednesday, September 10

5:30pm For the Leaders of our
Parish Ministries

Thursday, September 11

5:30pm Janek Pabian †

Friday, September 12

5:30pm Jessie Galea †

Saturday, September 13

5:30pm Int. of Rosanne & John

Sunday, September 14

10am Francisco Corral †

12pm Int. of Fr. Anish Alex

WE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Maryann Chard, Mary Kelly
Mark Szuba, Anne Szuba
Ted Daniel, Laura Gill,
Sylvia Casper, Cecilia Salazar

The Deceased

Beverly Johnson
Genoveffa Farenga
Aldo Canino
Rose Di Tommaso
Lena Duffy



The Pastor's Nook

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend we join the universal Church in celebrating the Season of Creation (September 1–October 4). It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and with all of creation. Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, reminded us that the earth is “our common home” and that everything is interconnected. He wrote: “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”

This week’s Gospel (Luke 14:25–33) challenges us to ask: What in our lives is a higher priority than our relationship with God? Jesus tells us that unless we place him above all else—our possessions, our plans, even our closest relationships—we cannot be his disciples. That same call extends to how we treat creation. If we cling too tightly to comfort, convenience, or consumerism, we may find ourselves unwilling to carry the crosses of sacrifice that discipleship demands: living more simply, wasting less, caring for the poor who are most affected by environmental damage, and protecting the earth for future generations.

The Catechism teaches that creation is a gift entrusted to our care: “Man’s dominion over inanimate and other living beings ... requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation” (CCC 2415). In other words, we cannot truly love God while neglecting the work of his hands.

The saints give us inspiring examples. St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast concludes this Season, saw every creature as brother or sister, praising God through their beauty and purpose. St. John Paul II called ecological care a moral issue, reminding us that respect for life includes the created world that sustains life. St. Hildegard of Bingen described creation as shining with the radiance of God, calling us to live in harmony with the order he has placed within it.

As disciples, we are students of Jesus. He teaches us not only how to love one another but also how to live in right relationship with all of God’s creation. Sometimes this feels like a cross: saying “no” to wasteful habits, “yes” to simpler lifestyles, and standing firm when others dismiss these concerns. Yet when we unite these sacrifices with the cross of Christ, we discover a deeper joy and freedom.

Let us pray during this Season of Creation that our parish community may be strengthened to make Christ our highest priority, so that everything we do—including how we treat the earth—flows from our love for him.

In Christ,
Fr. Anish Alex

Ordinary Time Sunday



Prayer Walk in High Park on Sunday September 21st

On Sunday September 21st after the 10 AM mass and coffee ministry join Creation Care Ministry on a prayer walk of gratitude and care for creation through High Park as we continue our celebration of the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' letter on Care for our Common Home. All are welcome to the opening prayer outside the main Church doors. The park trail afterwards is not accessible for people with mobility challenges. Please see Creation Care Ministry's bulletin board in the hall

for details including a map. Visit Creation Care Ministry's website at www.bit.ly/sjaccm to find suggested ways to pray, learn and take action this Season of Creation.

"The Encyclical Laudato Si' has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be "tilled and kept" by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ." Pope Leo, message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025.

Dear Friends,

Join us on Sunday,
September 14 at 12 PM
for the Installation Mass
of Fr. Anish Alex as Pastor
of St. Joan of Arc Parish
—all are warmly welcome!

Stay after for a joyful
reception in the parish hall.
(You are most welcome to
bring some finger foods).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We will hold our next Bundle Weekend will be October 4/5, 2025. We will accept gently used clothes and household items. Truck will be in the corner of the parking lot for that weekend.

Attention Vincentians

We will hold our first Fall meeting on September 13th at 4:00 pm.

Merrymakers's Lunch

There will be no Merrymakers's Lunch for September due to unforeseen circumstances. The lunches will resume on Wednesday, October 16. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

...for August 30/31	
Expenses	7,288
Envelopes	1,755
Loose	701
PAG (wk)	1,770
Online	-
TipTap	110
**Received	4,336
Short	-2,952

** 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.

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

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

September 15 -
Development & Peace
Caritas Canada meeting
(7pm /Meeting Room)

September 21 – Prayer
Walk in High Park –
Creation Care

September 28 – Climate
Change Solidarity with
Global South Bishops

September 28 – Fair Trade
Weekend

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