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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.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 29

5:30pm Int.of Edward and Linda
Pabian

Tuesday, September 30

5:30pm Int. of Ongoing Healing and
Reconciliation with Indigenous
Peoples of This Land

Wednesday, October 1

5:30pm Int.of Helen Poter

Thursday, October 2

5:30pm Int.of Nephews and Nieces
of Helen Poter

Friday, October 3

5:30pm Lena Duffy †

Saturday, October 4

5:30pm Gladys and Stanley
Jurkowski †

Sunday, October 5

10am Int. of Parish Community

12pm Int. of Residential School
Survivors and Their Families

WE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Maryann Chard,
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
Mary Kelly



The Pastor's Nook

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Sunday's readings remind us of a sobering truth: life on earth is fleeting, but eternity is forever. The Prophet Amos warns the complacent rich who ignore the cries of the poor (Amos 6:1a, 4-7). Jesus, in today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), paints the unforgettable image of the rich man and Lazarus, showing us that eternal destiny is not measured by wealth, but by love by how we respond to those in need.

The rich man's sin was not his wealth, but his refusal to share it. He failed to recognize Lazarus, who sat daily at his gate, longing for scraps. How often do we too fail to see the "Lazarus" at our doorstep the lonely, the sick, the poor, the marginalized?

St. John Chrysostom once said: "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs." Our blessings — material or spiritual — are entrusted to us to be multiplied through generosity.

Death is not an end, but an awakening. As St. Augustine reminds us: "God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them." When our hands cling tightly to possessions, resentment, or fear, we miss the treasures of God's grace. But when we open them in love and generosity, we find that God fills them beyond measure.

In the second reading, St. Paul exhorts us: "Fight the good fight of faith, take hold of eternal life" (1 Tim 6:12). This is a daily battle — not against others, but against our selfishness, our indifference, and our fear. St. Teresa of Calcutta puts it beautifully: "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Every day, God places before us opportunities to love:

- A neighbor who needs a listening ear.
- A struggling family who could use a meal.
- A parish ministry in need of support.
- A wounded friend who longs for forgiveness.

The "good fight of faith" is fought not in grand gestures, but in these small, daily acts of love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux teaches: "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."

Let us not miss the chance to make "hay while the sun shines." For as Christ promises, those who mourn, serve, and love now will be comforted in eternity (Mt 5:4).

May we open our eyes to see Christ in every Lazarus, open our hands to share what God has entrusted to us, and open our hearts to love without limit.

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Fr. Anish Alex

Ordinary Time Sunday

My dear Parishioners,

If your children would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the year 2026, please complete the registration form available online as soon as possible, and submit it either electronically to parish@joanofarc.ca or at the parish office. More details about the program will be shared soon.

Fr. Anish Alex

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September for our relationship with all of creation

"Lord, You love everything You have created, and nothing exists outside the mystery of Your tenderness. Every creature, no matter how small, is the fruit of Your love and has a place in this world. Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded by Your care. Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say: "Praised be You, my Lord!"

Through the beauty of creation, You reveal Yourself as a source of goodness. We ask You: open our eyes to recognize You, learning from the mystery of Your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve. It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude and hope. Help us to discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities. Praised be You, Lord! Amen."

"May the Lord help us to move forward in the healing process, towards an ever more healthy and renewed future." Pope Francis

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada, pray for us.

National Day
**for Truth and
Reconciliation**

September 30



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All Souls' Day Evening Service – November 1

The Parishioner Support Ministry invites you to attend an All-Souls Day evening service on November 1, to honour family members and close friends who have passed away. A small reception will be held afterwards in the parish hall, hosted by the Merry-makers.

At this Mass we will invite parishioners to place a rose in a vase in front of the Altar tagged with the names of their deceased friends or family members. The stipend for each rose is \$10. Please sign up in the Parish Hall after Mass this weekend and pay with a cheque or credit card. (Look for the tall Parishioner Support banner.) Alternatively, you can pick up an envelope, fill it in, and bring it with your donation to the parish office. There is also room on the printed envelope for Novena donations.



The **All Souls Novena** begins October 25. The stipend is \$5 per name. Please note: Roses for the All Souls Mass (\$10) and Novena intentions (\$5) are separate services.

Donation Deadlines: - Novena: October 24 - All Souls Mass roses: October 27

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting

(Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church)

There will be a meeting for all volunteers interested in assisting with the Winter Welcome Table at St. Peter's Church on Monday, October 20th, in the parish auditorium of St. Peter's Church.

This meal program has been a long-standing joint venture between St. Joan of Arc Parish and St. Peter's Parish, offering warm hospitality and nourishment to those in need during the winter months. Volunteers play a vital role in making this ministry possible, whether by preparing food, serving meals, or offering a welcoming smile.

Your time and presence can make a real difference. Please consider joining us—new and returning volunteers are most welcome!

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for Sept. 20 & 21	
Expenses	7,288
Envelopes	1,714
Loose	767
PAG (wk)	1,724
Online	-
TipTap	100
**Received	4,305
Short	-2,983

** 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

September 30
Euchre Game (1:30pm)

October 2
10am Choir Rehearsal
(7pm)

October 2
Knights of Columbus
(7:30pm) Meeting Room

October 4
Blessing of Animals (3pm)

October 4 & 5
Bundle Weekend-SVDP
(9am) Parking Lot

October 5
10am Choir Rehearsal
(9am) Meeting Room

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