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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, October 6

5:30pm Mary & Thomas Blok †

Tuesday, October 7

5:30pm Int. of Shawn Burke

Wednesday, October 8

5:30pm For the Sick of our Parish

Thursday, October 9

5:30pm For the Leaders of our
Parish

Friday, October 10

5:30pm Velma Pabian †

Saturday, October 11

5:30pm For the Deceased of our
Parish Community

Sunday, October 12

10am For the Parish Community
12pm For the Sick of our Parish

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

The Holy Mass: The Greatest Prayer of the Church

The Eucharistic celebration, the Holy Mass, is the heart and soul of Catholic life. It is not simply a ritual or a gathering, but the living sacrifice of Christ made present for us anew. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'" (CCC 1324).

Everything we believe, live, and hope for as Catholics flows from the Eucharist and leads back to it.

At every Mass, Christ Himself is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What happened once on Calvary is not repeated but made present sacramentally in every Eucharistic celebration. As St. Padre Pio once said: "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass."

The Mass is not our prayer alone—it is Christ's prayer to the Father, offered through the Church, on behalf of the world. This is why the Eucharist is rightly called the greatest prayer of the Church.

Why the Eucharist Is the Greatest Prayer

1. It is Christ's own sacrifice. In the Mass, we do not merely remember Calvary—we enter into it. The priest, acting in persona Christi, offers the very sacrifice of Jesus to the Father.
2. It unites heaven and earth. At Mass, angels and saints worship with us. The veil between heaven and earth grows thin, and the whole Church—living and departed—becomes one body before God.
3. It sanctifies us and the world. Every Mass sends us forth strengthened, forgiven, and renewed to be Christ's presence in the world.

Mass Offered for Intentions

One of the greatest treasures of the Catholic faith is that we can offer Holy Mass for various intentions. Each Mass is infinitely valuable because it draws from Christ's sacrifice. The fruits of the Mass can be applied for:

- Healing – for the sick and suffering.
- Thanksgiving – for blessings received, answered prayers, or milestones.
- Guidance and strength – for individuals and families in need.
- The departed – for souls in purgatory, who cannot pray for themselves but rely on our prayers and sacrifices.

St. John Chrysostom reminded us: "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why should we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation?"

No other prayer equals the power of the Mass offered for the departed. It is the greatest gift of love we can give to our beloved dead.

Whenever possible, when a Mass is offered for someone—whether living or departed—it is a beautiful witness for family members to be present. Their presence unites intention with worship, surrounding their loved one with prayer, love, and faith.

Ordinary Time Sunday

A Parish Family at the Altar

At our parish, we want to make the gift of offering Mass accessible to everyone. While the usual Mass stipend is \$20, we understand that this amount may be difficult for some families. To help more people participate in this greatest prayer of the Church, we are introducing multiple-intention Masses three times a week—Sunday at 12 PM, Wednesday, and Friday.

On these days, each Mass can be offered for multiple intentions, with a stipend of \$10 per intention. This allows more families to have their prayers and loved ones remembered each week. On the other days—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday—Masses will continue with a single intention and a \$20 stipend.

Additionally, every Sunday 10 AM Mass is offered for the intentions of the entire parish family. Even if you cannot request a specific Mass, know that you are included and lifted before the Lord at this celebration.

This November 1st, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we will also offer a special Mass for all departed souls at 7:30 pm. Let us never neglect this sacred duty of love—for one day, we too will depend on the prayers of the living.

At the same time, let us not forget to offer Masses in thanksgiving for blessings received. The greatest way to thank God is not only with words but with the Eucharist—the very offering of His Son.

My dear friends, nothing on earth can replace the Holy Mass. No devotion, no personal prayer, no sacrifice—great as they may be—can equal the infinite value of Christ's sacrifice renewed at the altar.

*O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment Thine!*

If you Would like to request a Mass for a deceased loved one, for healing, birthday wishes or in thanksgiving. Please contact the office . 416 762 1026. (Date of Mass provided, intention announced at the beginning of the Mass, printed in the bulletin and our website.)

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Fr. Anish Alex

Religious Education Programs – Registration Closing

Please note that registration for all Religious Education Programs (RCIA, First Communion, and Confirmation) will close on **October 12**.

All Souls Day at St. Joan of Arc

All Souls Mass: Saturday, Nov 1st at 7:30pm & All Souls Novena: October 25 – November 2
Please note: Roses for the All Souls Mass (\$10) and Novena intentions (\$5) are separate services. Donation Deadlines: All Souls Mass roses: October 27, Novena: October 24.

Mary College School's Open House (October 8th, 6:30 pm)

Join us at Holy Name of Mary College School's Open House event on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm. Explore how our vibrant and progressive Catholic school for girls in Grades 5-12 ignites intellectual curiosity and fosters personal growth. Meet our dedicated faculty, tour our facilities, and learn about our rich educational programmes and co-curricular activities designed to broaden horizons and nurture future leaders.

Register now at www.hnmcs.ca or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103.

Your Gifts to God (\$)

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Expenses	7,288
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Loose	798
PAG (wk)	1,724
Online	19
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Needs of Cdn Church	515
Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation	245
Mission Co-op	2,781

**** 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 WEEK'S AT A GLANCE

October 7

Euchre Game (1:30pm)

October 8

CWL Executive Meeting
(1pm)

October 11

St. Vincent De Paul Society
Meeting (4pm)

October 16

Merrymaker Mass &
Luncheon (12pm)

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