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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 4:00 PM



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday November 3**

5:30 pm Helena Abramowski\_

**Tuesday, November 4**5:30 pm Helena & Mikoraj  
Andniysyn+**Wednesday, November 5**

5:30 pm The Parish Community

**Thursday, November 6**

5:30 pm Healing for Diane

**Friday, November 7**

5:30 Helen Andrusyszyn +

**Saturday, November 8**

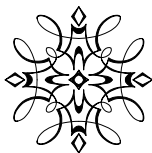
5:30 pm Carmel Whelton +

**Sunday, November 9**

10:00 am All Souls

12:00 pm Fredrick Cornelius +  
Norma Yolán Rojas +**WE PRAY FOR:****The Sick**Maryann Chard, Mark Szuba,  
Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Laura  
Gill, Cecilia Salazar and Ted  
Kowalczyk**The Deceased**

Mary Kelly &amp; Martin Rodrigues

*All Saints  
Day**The Pastor's Corner***The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Power of the Holy Rosary**

As we come to the close of October, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Rosary, we are invited once again to turn our hearts towards our Mother who leads us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

The life of Mary is a radiant example of faith, humility, and total surrender to the will of God. From her "yes" at the Annunciation to her silent strength at the foot of the Cross, Mary teaches us what it means to live in perfect trust and love. She is not distant or unreachable; she is a mother who walks with us, prays for us, and constantly draws us toward the heart of her Son.

Among the many gifts Mary has given to the Church, one of the most precious is the Holy Rosary. This simple yet profound prayer is a powerful spiritual weapon, a source of peace, and a school of contemplation. In praying the Rosary, we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ's life, His birth, His ministry, His passion, and His resurrection through the loving eyes of His Mother. Each bead becomes a step on our journey of faith, leading us deeper into the mystery of divine love.

The saints have always spoken of the Rosary as a ladder to heaven. St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) called it "the weapon for our times." St. Louis de Montfort taught that "when the Holy Rosary is said well; it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer." And Pope St. John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, reminded us that the Rosary "marks the rhythm of human life, bringing it into harmony with the rhythm of God's own life."

The Church has always encouraged this devotion because it is deeply Christ-centered and powerfully transformative. The Rosary is not merely a repetition of prayers, it is a meditation on the saving mysteries of our faith. Through it, our hearts are shaped by the Gospel, our minds are fixed on Christ, and our lives become imbued with peace, hope, and grace.

When we pray the Rosary daily, we are not only honoring Mary; we are entering into the heart of the Gospel itself. Mary, who knows Jesus most intimately, helps us to see Him more clearly and love Him more deeply. She gently guides us away from sin, strengthens us in virtue, and intercedes for us in every trial.

The Rosary, therefore, is not just a devotion, it is a path to salvation. It leads us to conversion, strengthens our faith, and draws us into communion with God. In a world filled with noise, fear, and distraction, this prayer offers peace and spiritual renewal. It is a lifeline of grace for our families, our Church, and our world.

Let us, then, not let October end without carrying its spirit forward. Let every day be an opportunity to take up our Rosary beads with love and faith. As we pray each "Hail Mary," may our hearts echo her words: "Be it done unto me

according to your word.”

Through the Rosary, Mary teaches us how to live, how to love, and how to follow her Son. May she, our Blessed Mother, continue to guide us always on the path that leads to eternal life.

"Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." - Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

Our Lady of Rosary..... Pray for us

Jesus I Trust in You.

“Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.”

### **Parish Staff Update**

We wish to share a few important staff changes at St. Joan of Arc Parish with heartfelt gratitude. After many years of faithful service, Arturo has retired from his role in Religious Education to spend more time with his family. We thank him sincerely for his six years on staff and his many additional years of volunteer service. We also express our appreciation to Joanna, whose term as Parish Manager concluded on October 22 as the position is being restructured. We are grateful for her dedication and the energy she brought to our parish community. Finally, we thank Anne for her continued service as our bookkeeper over the past 13 years, even as her role adjusts to meet our parish needs. Please join us in praying for and thanking each of them for their faithful service to our parish family.

### **THE STEWARDSHIP INVITATION CONTINUES...**

If you have not signed up for one (or more) of our 33 incredible Ministries at St. Joan of Arc, we invite you to pick up one of the Sign-Up Sheets at the back of the Church and check off your choice(s). You can give your completed form to any of the ushers at the weekend Masses...or drop it off at the Parish Office. Discover how you can share your time and talents (whatever you can give) and be part of the life of our parish community. We need you!!!

### **Euchre is Back**

You are invited to join us for Euchre on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the meeting room. Come for cards, stay for laughs. Tea and good company!

### **2026 CWL Memberships**

We are now collecting memberships for 2026. Payment is due in early in January and we want to get our memberships paid up in time. You can put your fee of \$32.00 in an envelope with your information and mark it “CWL”. And drop it in the collection basket.

### **The Parish Office.**

We hope we have improved coverall of the parish office. Volunteers will cover the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A staff member will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the exception of November 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope this will help those wanting to speak with someone. We are trying to catch up on phone messages.

### **Your gifts to God**

Numbers were not available when bulletin was submitted.

### **Next Week's Activities**

**Tuesday, November 4**

1:30 pm Euchre

**Thursday, November 6**

Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, November 9**

4:00 pm SVdP

### **Prayer to St. Joan of Arc**

In the face of your enemies, in the face of harassment, ridicule and doubt, you held firm in your faith. Even in your abandonment, alone and without friends, you held firm in your faith. Even as you faced your own mortality you held firm in your faith. I pray that I may be as bold in my beliefs as you, St. Joan. I ask that you ride alongside me in my own battles. Help me be mindful that what is worthwhile can be won if I persist. Help me hold firm in my faith

Help me believe in my ability to act well and wisely. Amen



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