

St. Joan of Arc

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

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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, November 24

5:30 pm Halina & Mikotaj Andnesyszyn +

Tuesday, November 25

5:30 pm Halina & Mikotaj Andnesyszyn +

Wednesday, November 26

5:30 pm Halina & Mikotaj Andnesyszyn +

Thursday, November 27

5:30 pm Halina & Mikotaj Andnesyszyn +

Friday, November 28

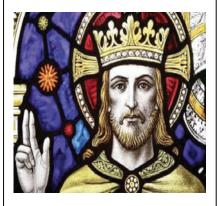
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Saturday, November 29

5:30 pm Halina & Mikotaj Andnesyszyn +

Sunday, November 30

10:00 am The Parish Community 12:00 pm_Halina & Mikotaj Andnesyszyn +



Christ the King



Pastor's Reflection

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

My dear parishioners this Sunday, the Church concludes the liturgical year by proclaiming Christ as King of the Universe a kingship unlike any the world has ever known. Earthly rulers display power through crowns, armies, and wealth; but our King reigns from a Cross, crowned not with gold but with thorns, and enthroned not on marble but on the wood of sacrifice. His authority is not domination but love, not coercion but mercy.

In the Gospel (Luke 23:35-43), the Good Thief reveals the heart of discipleship. Hanging beside Jesus, he recognizes in the crucified man the glory of a King and whispers the prayer that every Christian should make daily: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus responds with astonishing tenderness: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This thief stands for each of us broken, imperfect, wounded yet welcomed into the arms of a King whose mercy is wider than our sin and whose kingdom is open to all who humbly turn toward Him.

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, teaching that true authority is expressed through service. The next day, He bore the five wounds of love wounds He retains even in glory to remind us that His reign is built on selfgiving, not self-preservation. As St. Augustine beautifully said: "He took our flesh to teach us humility; He died to teach us charity."

The readings this Sunday tell a story of kingship that transforms human life. The Israelites anointed David because they saw in him a shepherd who cared for his people. St. Paul reminds us that through Christ's sacrifice, the Father "has made us fit to share the inheritance of the saints in light". Christ does not merely rule over us He invites us into His own kingdom, dignity, and mission.

St. John Paul II said, "To proclaim Christ as King is to live as people who belong to His kingdom people of truth, freedom, justice, and peace." This is our calling. We are citizens of a kingdom not built by violence or fear, but by compassion, sacrifice, and mercy. When we offer our sufferings to Jesus, uniting them to His wounds, we begin even now to share in His life. We begin to reign with Him through love. As St. Francis de Sales encouraged, "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as true strength."

Today we joyfully acclaim Christ not only with our lips but with our lives. Let us enthrone Him as King in our hearts, our homes, and our relationships. Let us allow His kingship to shape how we speak, forgive, serve, and hope. For Christ the King is the only King who calls us friends, the only King who died for His subjects, and the only King who leads us not to fear, but to freedom. May we echo the Good Thief's humble prayer "Jesus, remember me" and live each day as citizens of His eternal kingdom.

"The Lord reigns forever; His kingdom is a kingdom of love and peace."

Jesus, I Trust in You

Fr. Anish Alex

Please pray for:

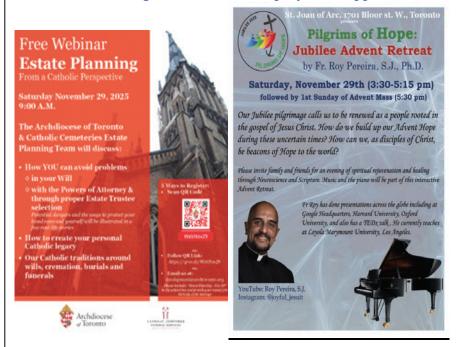
The Sick: Maryanne Chard, Mark Szuba, Anne Szuba, Laura Gill, Cecilia Salazar, Ted Daniel, Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ and Ted Kowalski.

The Deceased: Fr. Doug Hilmer, CSB

We are hiring!

St. Joan of Arc Parish is seeking a welcoming, organized, and collaborative Parish Secretary to be responsible for all administrative and confidential functions relating to the parish office. This modified full-time (25 hours a week) role would primarily involve being present at the parish on scheduled days. If you know someone or would be a good fit for this position, spread the word! Application deadline is November 24th. Find out more details at:

www.archtorontorg/en/contact-us/employment-opportunities/



Monthly Comparison: October

Offertory	2025	2024
Envelopes	\$7,468	\$4,860
Loose	\$2,888	\$3,417
PAG	\$5,999	\$6,157
Total	\$16,355	\$14,434

Future Dates to Remember

November 22 & 23

Fair trade Sale this Weekend Fair Trade products make wonderful gifts! You can get yours after the 5:30 pm or 10 am masses.

Tuesday, November 25

1:30 pm Card Games

December 6 & 7th

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

December 13 & 14

December 13 & 14th, 2025. See our flyer for all the details. Come enjoy the day, with fellow parishioners and do some Christmas Shopping and have fun. Santa will be visiting St. Joan of Arc to see our wonderful children. For more information and vendor tables, contact parish office or Fabian D'Souza at – 437-299-1826

Catholic Women's League

The November General Meeting is cancelled due to health issues. We are now collecting memberships for 2026. Payment is due in early January and we want to get our memberships paid up in time. You can put you fee of \$32.00 in an envelope with your information and mark it "CWL", and drop it in the collection basket.





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