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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catrina Bova

Lectors:  
Luz Sucilan  
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  
and after First Friday mass 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 to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

## 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, January 12**

**5:30 pm Diane Lukas +  
Fernando Trillo +**

**Tuesday, January 13**

**5:30 pm Sofia Prus +**

**Wednesday, January 14**

**5:30 Michelle Vitu**

**Thursday, January 15**

**5:30 pm Albina Suara**

**Friday, January 16**

**5:30 pm Fernando Trillo +**

**Saturday, January 17**

**5:30 Marian Dian & Petersen +**

**Sunday, January 18**

**10:00 am For Parish Community**

**12:00 pm Wendy Greeh +**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba,  
Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Ted  
Kowalczyk, Elizabeth WallehSek,  
Dianne, John Huges and Anna  
Maria Silva**



*The Baptism of the Lord*

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

On the banks of the Jordan, heaven bends toward earth. Jesus steps into the waters not because He needs cleansing, but because love always goes where humanity is wounded. The sinless One enters our brokenness so that nothing in our lives remains untouched by God.

The prophet Isaiah gives us the key to this mystery: “Here is my servant whom I uphold... a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind and to bring prisoners out of captivity” (Is 42:1,6–7). At His baptism, Jesus is revealed as the Servant who does not shout or crush the bruised reed, but heals quietly, restores patiently, and saves completely. God’s power is shown not in domination, but in gentleness.

In the Gospel, as Jesus rises from the waters, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father’s voice is heard: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Mt 3:17). This is not only a revelation about Jesus it is a revelation about us. Through baptism, we too are claimed, named, and loved. The Catechism teaches that Baptism makes us children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Before we do anything for God, we are first loved by Him.

St. Augustine reminds us, “Let us rejoice and give thanks: we have not only become Christians, but Christ Himself.” To be baptized is to be immersed into Christ’s own life and mission. As St. Peter proclaims in Acts, Jesus was “anointed with the Holy Spirit and power” and went about doing good, healing all who were oppressed (Acts 10:38). Baptism anoints us with that same Spirit not for comfort alone, but for mission.

Pope Francis often says that baptism gives us an identity before it gives us a task. We are not baptized into a private faith, but into a living relationship that sends us outward. Every baptized person is called to be a light, a bridge, a bearer of mercy in a world thirsty for hope.

On this feast, we are invited to remember our own baptism not as a moment locked in the past, but as a grace unfolding each day. When we choose forgiveness over resentment, truth over convenience, compassion over indifference, the heavens open again. When we live as beloved sons and daughters, the world hears the Father’s voice through us.

May this feast renew our awareness that we are deeply loved, powerfully anointed, and joyfully sent. And may our lives whisper to the world what God once proclaimed at the Jordan: “You are my beloved.”

*Jesus I Trust in you*

### Development And Peace

**St Joan of Arc Development and Peace** will be holding our first meeting of 2026 in the room off the parish hall on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Anyone interested in joining Development and Peace is most welcome to attend. For more information about **Development and Peace** and its mission please check online at: [devp.org](http://devp.org)

### Catholic Social Teaching

**Pope Saint John XXIII:** "It is not enough merely to formulate a social doctrine. It must be translated into reality. And this is particularly true of the Church's social doctrine, the light of which is Truth, Justice its objective, and love its driving force...We have given principles and directives which We exhort you earnestly to think over, and now, for your part, to put into effect. Your courageous co-operation in this respect will surely help to bring about the realization of Christ's Kingdom in this world, "a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of holiness and grace; a kingdom of justice, of love and of peace,"" ... Pope Saint John XXIII, 1961, Mother and Teacher #226, 261

### Merrymakers Monthly Luncheons

Do you have a passion for cooking? The Merrymakers Team is looking for volunteers to join this joyful and rewarding ministry. Each month, our senior members gather to enjoy a delicious meal and build meaningful connections in our welcoming church hall. If you enjoy cooking for others and being part of our church community, we would love to have you join us. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 416-762-1026 or email Diane at [dlauziere68@gmail.com](mailto:dlauziere68@gmail.com) The Merrymakers Luncheons will resume in February.

### Coffee, Community & Connection

Our Coffee Ministry brings parishioners together every Sunday after the 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM Masses in the parish hall a warm space to share coffee, tea, conversation, and friendship. This beautiful ministry, led by Louis, is now in need of more volunteers. If you'd like to help build community and welcome new faces, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for being an active and vital part of our parish family.

### Children's Liturgy – Volunteers Needed

Our parish offers Children's Liturgy every Sunday at 10 AM (except during holiday seasons), where children learn about God and Christ in a simple and fun way. Currently led by Priscilla, some Sundays see a large number of children, making it challenging for her to manage alone. We are looking for volunteers to help teach and guide the children. If you would like to serve, please contact the Parish Office.

### New Parish Secretary

We are delighted to welcome Shivon Francis to St. Joan of Arc Parish as our new Parish Secretary. We pray for God's blessings as she begins this important role.

At the same time, we sincerely thank Rosanne Kelly for her dedication and service over the past two months in covering the parish office. May the Lord abundantly bless her for her generosity and hard work.

### Your Gifts to God

#### Monthly Comparison December

Offertory	2025	2024
Envelopes	\$16,557	\$9,384
Loose	\$2,449	\$4,212
PAG	\$5,772	\$7,371
Total	\$24,778	\$20,968

#### 2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

The 2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. Please note that box numbers have changed if your previous number was above 220, you have been assigned a new lower number. If you could not find your envelopes, please contact the parish office. For the first few weeks, kindly write your name and address clearly on your envelopes to help us update our records.

We also invite parishioners to consider Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), a simple and automatic way to support the parish monthly. PAG forms are available at the church entrance, in the parish office, and on our parish website. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

### Address Update Reminder

If you have recently changed your address, please contact the parish office or the bookkeeper so we can update our records. This ensures your tax receipt for 2025, and any future parish communications reach you without delay. Thank you.

### Please Note The Parish Contact Information Has Changed

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<https://st.joanofarcto.archtoronto.org>

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