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Call the office

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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
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

Third Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 10th

5:30 pm - Grant

- **Ferando Trillo+**

Wednesday, March 11th

5:30 pm – S.I of Michelle, John & Philip

Thursday, March 12th

5:30 pm – Evonne +

Friday, March 13th

5:30 pm - S.I of Michelle, John & Philip

Saturday March 14th

5:30 pm – Elizabeth +

Sunday, March 15th

10:00 am - For Parish Community

**12:00 pm – Kendall J. Northcraft
-Consolacion Lagdamen**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

2025 Parish Tax Receipts

2025 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday March 9th. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office by email: afrancissja@archtoronto.org or by phone at ext. 3.

“Lord, Give Us This Living Water”

Have you ever felt a kind of tiredness that sleep cannot fix? A thirst that water cannot quench? Many of us know that feeling. Parents carrying quiet worries for their children. Seniors wondering why certain prayers seem unanswered. Young adults searching for direction. Some among us come to Mass faithfully every Sunday, yet still whisper in the heart, “*Lord, are You really here? Are You with me?*” That question is not new. In the desert, the Israelites cried out through Moses, “Is the Lord among us or not?” (Exodus 17:7). Their throats were dry, their patience thin, their trust worn down. And yet, even in their complaint, God brought water from the rock. He did not scold them. He sustained them.

We may not stand in a desert of sand, but we know the deserts of life illness that lingers, relationships that strain, financial stress, grief that revisits unexpectedly. The desert can make faith feel fragile. But the story from Exodus tells us something essential: God is not absent in the dryness. Sometimes He brings water from places we never expected a conversation, a kindness, a moment of clarity, a quiet strength that surprises us. The rock struck in the wilderness becomes a sign: where we see hardness, God sees possibility.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus sits at a well in Samaria at noon. Tired. Thirsty. Waiting. And a woman comes carrying not only a water jar, but her complicated past and her loneliness. Jesus does not begin with judgment. He begins with a simple request: “Give me a drink.” He meets her in ordinary life. Then, gently, He reveals her deeper thirst and offers her living water, the gift of God Himself. What moves me most is that He sees her completely and stays. As St. Augustine once wrote, “God thirsts that we may thirst for Him.” Christ’s request for water is also His longing for her heart. And for ours.

St. Paul tells us in Romans that “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,” and that Christ died for us “while we were still sinners.” Not when we had everything together. Not when our faith was strong. While we were still struggling. This is the heart of Lent. It is not a season to prove our worth; it is a season to let God love us in our weakness. The Samaritan woman leaves her jar behind and runs to tell others. When we encounter Christ’s mercy, we do not cling so tightly to old burdens. Something in us is freed.

Dear friends, perhaps this week the Lord is sitting beside the well of our daily routine at our kitchen table, in our workplace, in the quiet of our room waiting to speak gently to our thirst. Do not be afraid to name it. Bring it to Him in prayer. Bring it to Confession. Bring it to the Eucharist. Ask Him simply, “Lord, give me this living water.” And trust that the One who brought water from the rock and hope to a searching heart is still among us. He is patient. He is near. And He is enough.

Jesus, I Trust in you

Update from your Pastoral Council

A new Finance Council is currently completing the required volunteer screening process and will be introduced to our community in coming weeks. We thank those parishioners who have stepped forward to advise Fr. Anish on the temporal and financial needs of our parish. The Building Committee has been consulting the Archdiocese of Toronto since the beginning of 2026 and is investigating next steps towards the renovation of the St. Joan of Arc Rectory. Following the Friars departure in June of 2025, a number of building issues were identified, making the space uninhabitable. In the interim, Fr. Anish is living at another parish until renovations are complete. In the meantime, your Pastoral Council has been listening to concerns from parishioners and raising these with Fr. Anish. We are also discussing ways to improve communications and grow the council, which serves as an important advisory body to our Pastor. More information will be shared in the weeks to come. Thank you for your continued care and commitment to [St. Joan of Arc Parish](#).

Stations Of the Cross – March 13th - 5:30

We invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross this Friday right after the 5:30 Mass. This is a prayerful way to accompany Jesus on His journey of suffering, death and resurrection. This week, the Stations will be led by the 12:00 Choir.

Parish Lenten Food Drive - Sunday, March 15th

Next **Sunday, March 15th** from **9am - 2pm**, you are invited to bring in items for our **Parish Food Drive** to put into the **labelled boxes** in the **parish hall**. As the poster says, the **most needed items** are jars and canned goods (peanut butter, fish, fruit, tomatoes, etc). Other items are also appreciated - like canned or bagged beans, oatmeal, pasta and rice. The donated food will be taken later to the **Daily Bread Food Bank**. We live our faith through action.

Catholic Social Teaching Video-Pope Saint John Paul II

“The Church's social doctrine “is itself a valid instrument of evangelization” and is born of the always new meeting of the Gospel message and social life. Understood in this way, this social doctrine is a distinctive way for the Church to carry out her ministry of the Word and her prophetic role. “In effect, to teach and to spread her social doctrine pertains to the Church's evangelizing mission and is an essential part of the Christian message, since this doctrine points out the direct consequences of that message in the life of society and situates daily work and struggles for justice in the context of bearing witness to Christ the Saviour”.” Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church #67, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, 2004

On Track for Justice #1

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada’s work in a nutshell. Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor, and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we’ve been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity.

Irish Luncheon

Get ready for a little Irish cheer! Join us on Thursday, 19 March at 12 noon for a joyful Merrymakers time beginning with Mass, followed by a festive two-course Irish lunch and bingo. Buy your ticket - \$15 (cash only) – today or next weekend. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Good food, great company, and a bit of luck o’ the Irish – what more could you ask for? All are welcome – tell a friend and bring your best bingo voice!

Winter Welcome Collection Update

With our parish’s generosity we were able to collect \$2,100.00 for the Winter Welcome Table. Every Monday throughout the winter months members of St Joan of Arc Parish join with St Peter’s Catholic Church to offer a warm home-cooked meal for those who struggle to put food on the table. To that end a number of these weekly meals are prepared by various groups from our parish. The funds you have generously donated help ensure that we can continue to help in this way. It has been a long, cold and snow-filled winter and your generosity is most certainly appreciated.

Kids Easter Fun

Join us for a joyful Easter Art Afternoon for Kids at St. Joan of Arc Church on March 28 at 12:00 PM. Children will enjoy a fun Easter painting session from 12:00–1:00 PM, with all supplies provided, followed by a FREE animated Easter storytelling movie. The cost for the art activity is \$25 per child, and one parent must always accompany their child. Spots are limited, to pay & sign up reach out to Fr. Anish (During weekends or after any mass) and Parish Office (during weekdays) before tickets run out.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Feb 28 & Mar 1, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,780.00
Loose	697.00
PAG	1,361.59
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	3,838.59
Online & Tip Tap	823.60
Total	<hr/>
	\$4,662.19

Month at a Glance

- March 9 - D&P Meeting** (7pm-Meeting Room)
- March 11 - CWL Executive Meeting** (1:30 - Meeting Room)
- **Liturgical Leaders Meeting** (7:30 - Meeting Room)
- March 14 - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** (4 pm -meeting room)
- March 15 – D&P Speaker** (11:15-12:00- Lounge)
- March 18 - Creation Care Meeting** (7pm Zoom)
- March 19 – Merry Makers Lunch** (12:00 Mass + Lunch)
- March 21/ 22 – Fair Trade Weekend**
- March 28– Kids Art activity** (12:00 - 1:00pm) **and easter Story telling** 1:00pm

Q: What’s a great Lenten workout?

A: Jumping to conclusions... and then giving it up.



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