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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 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

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.devpo.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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23rd

No Mass

Tuesday, March 24th

5:30 pm – Macario Visaya +

Wednesday, March 25th

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 26th

5:30 pm – Enerio Faion +

Friday, March 27th

5:30 pm - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday March 28th

5:30 pm – For Retirement

Sunday, March 29th

10:00 am - For Parish
Community

12:00 pm – SI of Briona, Fiona &
Riona

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba,
Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Ted
Kowalczyk, John Hughes, Tania
Florian 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.



“Come Out into Life Again”

My dear brothers and sisters, have you ever felt as though something in your life has quietly gone still? Not in a dramatic way, but like a room within you that has been closed for too long-where hope once lived but now feels distant. Perhaps it is a relationship that has grown cold, a prayer life that feels dry, a burden you carry in silence, or a grief that lingers. We all know, in one way or another, what it means to stand before something that feels lifeless, unmoving... like a stone placed over the entrance of the heart.

Today’s readings speak directly into that place. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God says, “I will open your graves... and I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.” This is not only about the end of life it is about the places within us that feel buried right now. And Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit of God dwells in us, not as an idea, but as a living presence that gives life even to what seems lost. God does not stand far away from our struggles. He enters them, breathes into them, and gently calls us back to life.

In the Gospel, we encounter one of the most tender moments in the life of Jesus the raising of Lazarus. Before anything else happens, we are told simply: “Jesus wept.” He stands before the tomb of his friend, sharing in the sorrow of Martha and Mary. This is our God. Not distant. Not unmoved. But one who stands beside us in our grief, our confusion, our waiting. He does not rush past our pain He enters it. As Saint Augustine once reflected, “He wept as man, and raised him as God.” In Jesus, we see both the compassion of a brother and the power of the Lord of life.

And then comes that powerful command: “Lazarus, come out!” It is not just a call to one man long ago it is a call that echoes into our lives today. Come out of fear. Come out of discouragement. Come out of whatever binds you. Often, like Lazarus, we come out slowly, still wrapped in the cloths that hold us back old habits, doubts, wounds. And yet, notice this: Jesus invites others to help untie him. This is the beauty of the Church we do not walk alone. We help one another become free.

My dear friends, as we draw closer to Holy Week, the Lord is not asking for perfection from us. He is asking for openness. A small step. A willingness to let Him stand before the “tombs” in our lives and speak His word of life. Perhaps this week, that means returning to prayer, even if it feels difficult. Perhaps it means reaching out to someone, forgiving, or simply trusting that God is still at work even when we cannot see it.

Let us not be afraid of the places in us that feel lifeless. For Christ is not afraid of them. He stands there even now, calling each of us by name. And His voice is gentle, but it is powerful: Come out. Come into life again.

“Jesus I trust in you”

Stations Of the Cross – Friday, March 20th

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 Religious Education**.

OnTrack for Justice #3

Women protecting the Earth

The 5th Sunday of Lent is always **Solidarity Sunday**. This Solidarity Sunday – March 22nd - Development and Peace-Caritas Canada invites you to help **create hope**. As one of our Brazilian partners says: *Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace- Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology.* Help fulfil the dreams of these communities by giving to our **Share Life** parish collection or online at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

Winter Welcome Table

St. Peter's Parish will be hosting the annual appreciation Winter Welcome Table Dinner on **Monday April 20th** beginning with the celebration of Eucharist at **5 pm**, followed by dinner in St. Peter's Church Hall. All of the volunteers who actively participated during the 2025-26 Season are invited to attend

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 & signup reach out to Fr. Anish (During weekends or after any mass) and Parish Office (during weekdays) before tickets run out.

Attention C.W.L. Members

The March Meeting: this is a very important meeting and require as many members present as possible, 1:30 pm March 23rd. By having it earlier in the day we hope all members will attend. At this meeting we will be voting on the continuation of our council. If we can't nominees, to accept positions of president, treasurer and secretary, we will have to close our council.

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 advice 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.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Mar 14 & Mar 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,165.00
Loose	515.00
PAG	1,090.41
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	2,770.41
Online & Tip Tap	207.71
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Total	<u>\$2,978.12</u>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 2nd - 7:30pm

Good Friday - April 3rd - 3:00pm

Easter Vigil - April 4th - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 5th 10:00 & 12:00 Mass

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years | ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

This year our ShareLife goal is \$47,500



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