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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

Third Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 21st

5:30 pm – Kevin Cornelius

Wednesday, April 22nd

5:30 pm – Jemsy and Retinol

- SI. Fiona

- For Jemsy & Retiol

Thursday, April 23rd

5:30 pm – SI. Brionna and Fiona

Friday, April 24th

5:30 pm -Douglas Wije Singhe

- Patricia Wije Singhe

- Mary & Victor Joseph

Saturday April 25th

5:30 pm – Mass for thanksgiving

Sunday, April 26th

10:00 am - For Parish

Community

**12:00 pm – SI of Briona, Fiona
and Riona**

Please Pray for the Sick

**Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba,
Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar,
Tania Florian and Anna Maria
Silva**

Please Pray for the Repose of the

Soul

**Ted Kowalczyk and Alzira
Mossini Domingos**



“Were Not Our Hearts Burning?”

Have you ever walked a long road carrying questions you cannot quite name? The kind that come after disappointment, after hope seems to have slipped quietly away. Many of us know that road. It may be a hospital corridor, a strained relationship, an uncertain future, or simply the quiet weight of daily responsibilities. Like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, we walk and talk, trying to make sense of things, wondering where God is in it all.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus himself draws near and walks with them, though they do not recognize him. He listens first. He allows them to speak their confusion, their dashed hopes: “We had hoped...” How tenderly the Lord meets them there not with immediate answers, but with presence. Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he opens the Scriptures to them. Their hearts begin to stir again, though their eyes are still closed. How often in our own lives does Christ come quietly, through a word of Scripture, a conversation, a moment of grace, yet we fail to recognize him?

Saint Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, proclaims boldly that this Jesus, rejected and crucified, has been raised up by God. Death does not have the final word. And Saint Peter reminds us that we were ransomed not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. This is the truth at the heart of our faith: we are deeply loved, deeply redeemed, and never abandoned. Even when we feel lost on the road, the Risen Lord is already walking beside us.

In the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened. Suddenly, they recognize him and he vanishes from their sight. Yet he is not gone. He remains with them in a new way, a deeper way. The same is true for us each time we gather for the Eucharist. In the Word proclaimed and in the Bread broken, Christ reveals himself. As Saint Augustine once said, “Behold what you are; become what you receive.” We are invited not only to recognize Christ but to carry him into the world.

Dear brothers and sisters, our parish is filled with many journeys families doing their best, seniors carrying wisdom and quiet burdens, young people searching for direction, hearts that are faithful yet tired. The Risen Jesus walks with each one. He is not distant. He is not indifferent. He is patient, drawing near, listening, speaking, and revealing himself in ways we may only understand in hindsight.

This week, perhaps the invitation is simple: stay on the road with him. Speak honestly to him in your prayer. Listen to his voice in Scripture. Recognize him in the Eucharist. And when your heart begins to burn again, even faintly, do not ignore it. That is the Lord, alive and near. Let us walk with him, and allow him to turn our discouragement into hope, our confusion into faith, and our ordinary paths into holy ground.

Jesus, I Trust in you

Earth Day / Fair Trade Weekend – April 18 /19

Earth Day, celebrated every year on April 22nd, is the largest environmental event in the world. More than 7 million Canadians, including nearly every school-aged child, participate in Earth Day activities in their community. For all of us, **Earth Day** is a challenging invitation to foster and celebrate environmental respect, action and behaviour that lessens our impact on our fragile earth. The theme this year is: ***Our Power, Our Planet***. As people of faith, we are called to urgently act to not only protect but also to restore God's beautiful gift of creation. The choices that we make in our homes, workplaces, classrooms and communities carry more weight than speeches or social posts. **Earth Day 2026** draws attention to the power people already use and have every day – and how that power can either protect the planet or quietly damage it. Check out the D&P Earth Day bulletin board.

Karaoke & Dance Night – Saturday, May 2

Join us on Saturday, May 2 from 7:00 PM –10:00 PM for a lively **Karaoke and Dance Night** in the parish hall! Come sing your favorite songs, hit the dance floor, and enjoy a glass of wine or beer along with light refreshments. Don't miss the 50/50 draw for a chance to win! **Tickets are \$10 per person** and will be **available after Mass** this weekend and next. This is a fundraiser for St. Joan of Arc Parish—bring a friend and enjoy a fun evening together!

ShareLife Second Collection – April 25/26

On the weekend of April 25/26, our parish will hold a second collection for ShareLife, offering another opportunity to support the vital programs and services that assist those in need across our community. ShareLife envelopes are available at the back of the church for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

OUR MEMORY BOARD

There is a wonderful Memory Board in the church hall: folks who have died in the last year with their picture and a few lines. We are looking for **one or two people** who would be willing to take on keeping this Board up to date. This Memory Board is a gift to the family and to us as a parish. Planning information and materials are available. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information at the parish office.

Pilgrimage Tour to South Korea And Japan

A beautiful opportunity awaits. Join our upcoming pilgrimage to South Korea and Japan, where faith and culture come alive. We will celebrate daily Mass in renowned churches and cathedrals and visit sacred sites including the apparitions of Our Lady of Akita (1973).

Our journey will take us through Seoul, Tokyo, Mount Fuji, Akita, Kobe, Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Osaka. Those interested are warmly invited to see the detailed brochure available in the parish or in our parish website.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Apr 11 & 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,230.00
Loose	625.05
PAG	1,340.28
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	3,195.33
Online & Tip Tap	199.61
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Total	\$3,394.94

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years

Our parish joins the Archdiocese in celebrating **50 years of ShareLife**—a beautiful witness to faith in action and love made visible. Since its founding in 1976 by Archbishop Philip Pocock, ShareLife has brought hope and dignity to countless lives through its many outreach agencies. Today, that mission continues, serving those who face poverty, isolation, and hardship with compassion and care.

ShareLife is more than a collection; it is a living expression of the Gospel, calling us to reach out to those in need. This year, our parish goal is **\$47,500**, inviting each of us to be part of this mission of mercy. Every gift, no matter how small, be A Heartfelt Thank You: Our Journey Together comes a sign of God's love at work in the world.

Please consider giving through the parish, online, or at sharelife.org/donate. Together, let us be instruments of hope and healing. May God bless you for your generosity.



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