



St. Joan of Arc Parish

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St. Joan of Arc Parish, we proclaim and live the Gospel through stewardship, growing together as a welcoming community where all belong.

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday : 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed from 12:30 – 1:30 for lunch
Saturday & Sunday: Office is closed

MASS TIMINGS

Tuesday - Saturday : 5:30 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any Sacraments. Registration forms are available in the church main entrance, parish office and in the parish website.

ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITY

Catholic Women's League :
4th Monday of the month
Children Liturgy :
10:00 am Mass (Sunday)
Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.
Development and Peace
www.dev.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
St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

COORDINATORS

Sacramental Coordinator:
Joelle Lauriol

Altar server coordinator:
Tommy Pham

Liturgical Ministries :

Lectors: Luz Sucilan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Caterina Bova

10:00 am Choir

Susan McElcheran

Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 pm

12:00 Noon Choir

Dorothy Pellerin

Rehearsal: Sunday 10:45 am

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Parents wishing to have a child baptized must contact the parish office to register. Information and registration form is available on our website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):

Saturday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm,

First Friday 6:00 pm– 7:00pm or by appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office for an interview with the Priest one year before planning your wedding date.

R.C.I.A : Adults wishing to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church must contact the parish office. Sessions begin in the fall.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral References - You must be registered for at least 6 months. Please check our website under Parish Life for more information.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: - First Friday of the month 6 pm-7 pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help :- Every Wednesday after 5:30 pm Holy Mass.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services: Archdiocese of Toronto
416-733-8544

SCHOOLS

St. Luigi Catholic School
2 Ruskin Ave, Toronto, ON
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Bishop Marrocco/ Thomas Merton

Catholic Secondary School
1515 Bloor St w, Toronto, ON
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Parish Website



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Our Catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering “St. Joan of Arc Parish” in your Will.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 12th

5:30 pm – Josip & 7 Lucy Rogovic

Wednesday, May 13th

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

- Ana & Rudoli Mercigona
- + Oliapuram Family
- + Jemsy and Retinol

Thursday, May 14th

5:30 pm – Stanka & Josip Urac

Friday, May 15th

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

- Janosh Urac
- + Mary & Victor Joseph

Saturday May 16th

5:30 pm – Maura Casey +

- Joe Lemire (90th Birthday blessings)

Sunday, May 17th

10:00 am - For Parish

Community

12:00 pm – Mrs. Carmen Granada+
+ Unborn Baby

Please Pray for the Sick

Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Tania Florian, Anna Maria Silva and Vladimir Klimenko.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

Ted Kowalczyk, Alzira Mossini Domingos and Sister Edith Prendergast



“I Will Not Leave You Orphaned”

Dear brothers and sisters, have you ever felt, even for a brief moment, that you were facing life alone? It can come quietly after a long day, in a hospital waiting room, in the silence of a home that once felt full, or even in the midst of a crowd where no one quite sees what your heart is carrying. Many of us know this feeling. And yet, into that very human experience, Jesus speaks a promise that is both tender and unshakable: *“I will not leave you orphaned.”* He knows our fear of abandonment, our longing to be accompanied, and He answers not with distance, but with presence.

In the Gospel this Sunday (John 14:15–21), Jesus speaks of love that is lived, not merely felt “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” But He does not leave us to struggle on our own. He promises the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who abides with us and within us. This is not an abstract idea; it is a living reality. In the early Church, as we hear in Acts (8:5–8, 14–17), the Holy Spirit came upon ordinary people, strengthening them, healing divisions, and filling a city with joy. The same Spirit has been given to us. In our baptism and confirmation, we too have been marked by that divine presence. We are never alone, even when life feels heavy or uncertain.

St. Peter, in his letter (1 Peter 3:15–18), gently encourages us to “always be ready to give an account of the hope that is in you.” Notice he does not say we must have all the answers, but that we must carry hope quietly, faithfully, even in suffering. Many in our parish live this witness every day: the elderly who pray faithfully in hidden ways, the parents who persevere in love through exhaustion, the young who search for meaning in a noisy world, and those who carry crosses known only to God. Your lives speak. Your faith, even when fragile, becomes a testimony that Christ is alive.

The Lord’s promise is deeply personal: *“I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”* This is the heart of our faith not simply believing in God but living in communion with Him. As St. Augustine once said, “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” Christ does not remain distant; He dwells within us, walks with us, suffers with us, and gently leads us forward. Even in our doubts, even in our wounds, He remains faithful.

Dear friends, perhaps we can take a small step in response to this promise. In a quiet moment, speak to the Lord as you would to a close friend. Invite the Holy Spirit into a place in your life where you feel alone or uncertain. And in some simple act of kindness or patience, let Christ’s love become visible through you. You are not alone. You are seen, known, and deeply loved. And the One who promises to remain with you will never fail.

Jesus, I Trust in you

Parish Office Notice

Our parish secretary will be away on vacation from **May 7 to June 6**. During this time, office hours will be limited. A temporary schedule for office services will be in place until June 6. For any inquiries, please contact the parish via email, and we will respond as promptly as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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.

Rosary in Honour of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

Throughout the month of May, the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary will be prayed prior to the 12:00 PM Mass. It will begin promptly at 11:30 AM, and all are warmly invited to participate.

May 23-24 Take action to protect creation on the anniversary of Laudato Si'

May 24th is Pentecost and also the anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' 2015 letter on care for our common home. Visit Creation Care Ministry's table in the hall after all the masses on May 23-24 to learn about Laudato Si' as well as how the new Ontario Blue Bin program could be improved to increase recycling and reduce pollution and waste. Did you know that companies can meet up to 15% of the recycling target through incineration and call it recycling? Burning waste creates toxic pollution and increases the risk of negative health effects in the surrounding community. We can do better.

"The Holy Spirit whom Christ sent from the Father, and the Creator Spirit who gives life to all things, are one and the same. Respect for creation, then, is a requirement of our faith: the "garden" in which we live is not entrusted to us to be exploited, but rather to be cultivated and tended with respect (cf. *Gen 2:15*)." Pope Francis, homily, May 24, 2015.

Merrymakers Luncheon- May 21st

Mark your calendars! The Merrymakers Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 21st. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m., followed by lunch in the Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of May 9th/10th and 16th/17th in the church hall. We look forward to you joining us for our Filipino Fiesta. All are welcome.

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.

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about: Funeral and burial options, Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones, Catholic teachings on cremation, Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*) **Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home** 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill - **Saturday May 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM** (You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca)

Karaoke Night

Thank you to everyone who attended Karaoke Night. It was a wonderful event filled with great music, laughter, and community spirit. We're happy to share that, after all expenses, we raised a net total of \$813.66. We truly appreciate your support and enthusiasm, events like this wouldn't be possible without you.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of May 2 & 3, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,135.00
Loose	552.00
PAG	1,327.00
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	3,014.00
Online & Tip Tap	934.83
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Total	<u>\$3,948.83</u>

ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is upon us, and this year carries special significance as we celebrate 50 years of compassionate outreach and faithful generosity. Since its founding in 1976, ShareLife has been a living expression of our call to love one another, supporting over 40 agencies that provide care and dignity to those most in need. This vital work continues today because of people like you parishioners whose generosity becomes hope for countless individuals and families. As we take up the special collection this weekend, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support this mission of mercy. Our parish goal this year is \$47,500, and every contribution, no matter the size, helps bring us closer to that shared commitment. You may give using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, online through our parish website, or directly at sharelife.org/donate.

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