



# 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

**Pastor - Fr. Anish Alex**  
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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 :**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month  
**Children Liturgy :**  
10:00 am Mass (Sunday)  
**Creation Care Ministry**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7pm.  
**Development and Peace**  
www.dev.org  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 7:00 PM  
**Merrymakers**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 12:00 PM  
**Knights of Columbus**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Ascension of the Lord

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 pm – Mrs. Carmen Tapia+**

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory  
+ Oliaypuram Family**

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**12:00 pm – Merry Makers Mass  
5:30 pm – Mr. Marcelo Quinteros +**

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:30 pm – S.I of Zenobia**

**Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:30 pm Harry & Gean Casey +**

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am - For Parish  
Community**

**12:00 pm – Mr. Daniel Olmedo +  
- For Int. of Briona, Fiona, Riona**

**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**



**“He Was Taken Up... But He Did Not Leave Us”**

Dear brothers and sisters, have you ever stood at a moment of departure at an airport gate, a hospital doorway, a grave, or even the quiet closing of a chapter in life and felt that strange ache between presence and absence? The disciples knew that moment. “While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven...” (Acts 1:10). They were not just watching Jesus ascend; they were feeling the weight of what it means to love someone who is no longer visibly near. Many of us know that feeling too when prayers seem to rise into silence, when faith feels steady yet stretched, when life carries both hope and absence at once.

And yet, in that very moment of seeming loss, heaven opens differently. The Ascension is not Christ’s disappearance; it is His new way of being present. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18). He is not withdrawing from His people but drawing all things into Himself. The disciples are gently asked by the angels, “Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?” as if to say: do not mistake absence for abandonment. The Risen Lord is now closer than sight, deeper than feeling, present in a way that no distance can touch.

St. Augustine once said, “He ascended before us, yet He remains with us.” This is the mystery we live in. Christ does not leave the world behind; He enters it more profoundly through His Spirit. As St. Leo the Great beautifully reminds us, “What was visible in our Redeemer has passed over into the sacraments.” In other words, the Ascension is not an ending but a transformation of presence Christ now walks with His Church in Word, in Eucharist, in community, in the quiet strength that keeps a weary parent going, a struggling soul praying one more time, a doubting heart still reaching for God.

St. Paul prays in today’s reading that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened” (Ephesians 1:18). That is a prayer we need. Because so often, we are looking in the wrong direction waiting for God to come “down” when He is already “with.” Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, yes but He also fills all things. He is present in hospital rooms and kitchen tables, in lonely nights and joyful beginnings, in the silence where words fail and the heart still whispers, “Lord, I trust You.” The Ascension teaches us that heaven is not far away; it is already bending toward us in Christ.

And so, we are not left staring into the sky. We are sent back into the world with a promise: “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). The Ascension quietly turns our gaze outward again to family, to neighbour, to the small daily acts of love that make the Gospel visible. Dear friends, perhaps the invitation is simple: stop searching for God as if He were absent and begin living as if He is truly with us because He is.

***Jesus, I Trust in you***

**Parish Office Hours Update until June - 5**

Please note that due to the Parish Secretary’s vacation, the Parish Office hours will be temporarily adjusted. The office will be open with volunteer coverage from Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and will remain closed on Mondays. For any urgent matters, kindly leave a message on the Pastor’s extension or email the Parish office. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this period.

**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 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. "We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations..." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #22.

**Save the Date! Friday June 5th Pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church in Little Italy**

During this special *Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi* proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, Creation Care Ministry invites parishioners of St Joan of Arc to join us on a pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi church (72 Mansfield Avenue) **on Friday, 5 June, to attend the First Friday Mass at 6:30 pm.** If you wish, confession is available before mass from 5:30 pm. Given location and timing, parishioners are asked to travel on their own by whatever means they wish. *We'll gather near the back of St Francis of Assisi church before Mass begins. See the information sheet in the parish hall on the "Creation Care" board for more details including how to receive a plenary indulgence as part of this pilgrimage.*

**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.

**Fair Trade Weekend – May 23 / 24.**

On Pentecost Weekend, *Development and Peace* is hosting **Fair Trade Weekend – May 23 / 24.** Supporting Fair Trade is a strong act of solidarity with workers and the environment around the world. Let's share the flame of justice.

**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](mailto:holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca))

**Your Gift to God**

***Weekend of May 9 & 10, 2026***

Envelopes	\$1,275.00
Loose	598.00
PAG	1,304.03
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	3,177.03
Online & Tip Tap	174.38
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Total	<u><u>\$3,351.41</u></u>

**St Joan of Arc Day**

Join us for a potluck celebration of the Feast Day of St. Joan of Arc Parish on Sunday, May 31.

The gathering will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and end around 2:00 p.m., after the noon Mass. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food, fellowship, and community.

To help with planning:

- Last names A–M: please bring a savoury dish and a beverage
- Last names N–Z: please bring a dessert (cake, fruit) and a beverage. We look forward to celebrating together.

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