



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

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.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 26th

5:30 pm – Raag Macwan

Wednesday, May 27th

**5:30 pm – Shynimol & Family,
Gaura Macwan**

Thursday, May 28th

5:30 pm – Gaura Macwan

Friday, May 29th

**5:30 pm – Shynimol & Family, Raag
Macwan**

Saturday May 30th

5:30 pm – Gaura Macwan & Family

Sunday, May 31th

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

**12:00 pm – For Parish
Community**

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**

**Raymond Hosick, Ted Kowalczyk,
Alzira Mossini Domingos and Sister
Edith Prendergast**



“Come, Holy Spirit: Into the Locked Rooms of Our Hearts”

Dear brothers and sisters, there are moments in life when even faithful hearts grow tired. We carry responsibilities quietly, smile while hiding burdens, and continue our routines while something within us longs for peace, clarity, or simply the strength to keep going. Many among us know what it feels like to stand behind “locked doors” like the disciples in today’s Gospel doors closed by fear, disappointment, grief, uncertainty, or exhaustion. And yet, into that very room, Jesus comes. Not with condemnation, not with anger, but with His first gift: *“Peace be with you”* (John 20:19). Pentecost begins not with noise and fire, but with the tender nearness of Christ who refuses to abandon His people.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that suddenly there came “a sound like the rush of a violent wind,” and tongues as of fire rested upon each of them (Acts 2:1–11). The frightened disciples became courageous witnesses. What changed them? Not their circumstances. Not their personalities. It was the Holy Spirit the living breath of God. The same Spirit who hovered over creation, who overshadowed Mary, who raised Christ from the dead, now dwells within the Church and within each baptized soul. Pentecost is not only an event we remember; it is a grace we are invited to receive again. The Holy Spirit still comes quietly into ordinary lives: into weary marriages, anxious hearts, confused young adults, lonely seniors, struggling families, and those trying to pray while carrying invisible wounds.

St. Augustine once said, *“What the soul is to the body, the Holy Spirit is to the Church.”* Without the Spirit, faith becomes dry duty; with the Spirit, even weakness becomes a place where God can work wonders. Perhaps many of us do not feel “on fire.” Perhaps prayer feels distracted, hope feels fragile, or forgiveness feels difficult. Yet Pentecost reminds us that God does not wait for us to become strong before He comes to us. The Spirit descends precisely upon fragile people. The apostles themselves were imperfect, fearful, and uncertain. But grace transformed them from within. That same divine fire still burns gently in every act of kindness, every hidden sacrifice, every sincere prayer whispered in the silence of the night.

This Pentecost, maybe the Lord is not asking us to do extraordinary things, but simply to open the door a little wider. To let the Holy Spirit breathe again into places that have become closed off our wounded memories, our strained relationships, our fears about the future, our disappointment with ourselves. The Spirit does not force His way in; He comes as gift, as comforter, as advocate, as holy fire. And wherever the Spirit is welcomed, new life begins. A little more patience. A little more courage. A little more faith.

So, dear friends, let us pray with simplicity and trust: *“Come, Holy Spirit.”* Come into our homes, our parish, our struggles, our hopes, and our hidden sorrows. Come into the hearts of our children and young people. Come upon the sick, the grieving, the discouraged, and those searching for meaning. Come and renew the face of the earth beginning with our own hearts. And may Mary, the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, teach us how to wait with openness, so that the fire of Pentecost may become not just a feast we celebrate, but a life we live.

Jesus, I Trust in you

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.

Merrymaker's Luncheon

Italian Luncheon **Buon appetito!** Join us for faith, food, and fun at our Merrymaker's **Italian Luncheon on Thursday, June 18!** We'll begin with **Mass at 12:00 noon**, followed by a **festive two-course Italian lunch** and a lively round (or two!) of **bingo**. **Tickets: \$15 (cash only)**. Available **after all Masses the weekends of 6th and 13th June**. Tickets must be purchased in advance. All are welcome bring a friend and come hungry! Mangia, mingle, and make it a time to remember!

Attention All Crafters And Canners

In late November, there will be a **SJA Christmas Fair**. It will be made up of SJA craft and baking talent and include some outside vendors. So – all you knitters, crocheters, quilters, painters, photographers (prints & cards), potters, wood workers, flower arrangers, sewers, jewelry-makers etc etc., start building up your work (this **summer** is a perfect time to start). Summer / Fall canners bring it on: jams, pickles, etc. This Fair will be hosted by a number of SJA Ministries. More info to follow in the Fall.

Join Creation Care Ministry on a 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.*

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.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of May 16 & 17, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,435.00
Loose	618.15
PAG	1,304.03
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Online & Tip Tap	110.00
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Total	<u>\$3,467.18</u>

ShareLife Collection

\$19,305.45

Percentage achieved - 41%

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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