



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

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.

MASS TIMINGS

Tuesday - Saturday : 5:30 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am and 12:00pm

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.

SCHOOLS

St. Luigi Catholic School

2 Ruskin Ave, Toronto, ON

M6P 3P8

Bishop Marrocco/ Thomas Merton

Catholic Secondary School

1515 Bloor St w, Toronto, ON

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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

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, August 11th

5:30 pm – Leticia Romero +

Wednesday, August 12th

5:30 pm – Blessings for family.

Friday, August 14th

5:30 pm – Thanksgiving for Joseph's Retirement

- Antonio Lagdamen +

Saturday August 15th

5:30 pm – Victor Pankhurst

Sunday, August 16th

10:00 am – Parish Community

**- Ross Best & Vincent Miners
+
(death Anniversary)**

12 :00 pm – Michael Szmajda+

Tuesday, August 18th

**5:30 pm – In Memory of the 5th
Anniversary of the Late Daniel
Olmedo**

Wednesday, August 19th

5:30 pm – Blessings for the Family

Friday, August 21st

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 am – Parish Community

Please Pray for the Sick

**Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted
Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Tania
Florian, Nestor Belisario Munoz and
Vladimir Klimenko.**

**Please Pray for the Repose of the
Soul**

**Raymond Hosick, Carl Hetu, Anna
Maria Silva and Margaret Galaski.**

Summer Bonus!

Even though we are getting close to the middle of the month, Labour Day is about as late as it can be this year, so we get to enjoy a little more of summer! I notice the CNE opens on Friday, August 21st, about 12 days from now. For me, that was what marked the beginning of the end of summer and added urgency to making sure I fitted in a little more fun before going back to school. Labour Day also marks a kind of new pastoral year in most parishes because it is the hinge point after which people return to work.

I wanted to set a little bit of a tone to all of this. This is the time of year that parishes also begin to enter into the journey that leads to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter and in the Easter season.

For adults who are looking either to be baptized or who are already baptized and looking to be received into the Catholic Church we start with a period of enquiry that focuses on entering into a relationship of faith with God. There are regular times to meet, but equally or even more importantly the encounters that enquirers have with everyone else in the parish community affect their formation in living out their faith. Equally, those of us who were baptized long ago have much to gain from those who are freshly awake to the gift of faith. We become refreshed. You can expect through the year to see these people from time to time celebrating the rituals that are part of this journey.

We will also have younger children who will be candidates for First Holy Communion. Their process will begin in the fall where they will experience and learn the beauty of Jesus' love for them. Toward Christmas they will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. After Christmas, they will begin their preparation for First Holy Communion in the spring.

In some ways, Confirmation seems like the forgotten sacrament. It comes as the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, but it is still really at the service of the Eucharist. It is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit given by the apostolic witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus. That's why the bishop is the normal minister of the sacrament. We do receive gifts from the Holy Spirit at baptism as well, but the Sacrament of Confirmation confers these gifts with the force of the intercession of the whole Church!

I have no doubt these days that students in grade 7 might be asking serious questions about life. It is good to know that our deeper desires for healthy and fulfilled lives can find a home when we entrust ourselves to God. Their preparations for the sacrament begin in early January.

These sacraments are like a fountain gushing with the waters of new life. And if we can see the living out of our vocations as part of that wondrous flow then we can find a freedom in living the Christian life that will most assuredly make it more fruitful than we can imagine.

We are surrounded by distractions and all kinds of practical things that call for our attention. It might surprise us to find that becoming more centred on and enamoured of the new life we have received makes what we do more easily given and received.

Peace and prayers for a grace-filled year to come.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob

Coffee Ministry

Volunteers, please check MSP for your assigned dates and request a substitute if needed.

Knit with Love

Do you like to Knit and Crochet?

We are going to start a new group at St. Joan of Arc in the meeting room On the 4th Wednesday of the month starting in September 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

We will make hats and mitts and scarves for local shelters and Winter Welcome Table and the parish sale in November.

We are looking for knitters and crocheters who would like to get together and socialize.

Maybe you don't knit or crochet but would like to support us! We will accept donations of wool, you can leave it at the office, and we will collect it from there.

Summer Garden Clean-Up on Saturday, August 15th from 9:30 AM to Noon

The parish gardens are growing well and so are the weeds! Next Saturday join us for a clean-up of the parish grounds and gardens from 9:30 AM to Noon. Rain date will be Saturday, August 22nd. Whether you can come for the full time or just an hour, it all helps make a difference. Come meet fellow parishioners and together let's make our church grounds reflect our parish community's care and welcome. Your help would be much appreciated, and we hope to see you there!

What to Bring if you can:

- work or garden gloves, pruning shears, corn brooms
- wear comfortable clothing and outdoor footwear

Summer invitation for the Season of Creation September 1st to October 4th

Soon we will celebrate the Season of Creation which invites Christians around the world to pray and care for creation. The 2026 theme "Living Water" is guided by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel (47:1–12): a river flowing from the temple of God, which grows and brings life where everything seems barren. Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish. This summer you are invited to spend some time in contemplation and gratitude by a river, lake or other body of water--contemplating how the water flows and all the life that is sustained by it, and ending with a prayer of gratitude.

"Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning... We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love." Amen

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Aug 1st & 2nd, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 2040
Loose	\$ 654
PAG	<u>\$1171.44</u>
	\$3865.47
Tip Tap & online donations	\$ 105
Total	<u>\$3,970.47</u>

<i>Suggested Parish Goal</i>	<i>\$47500</i>
ShareLife Collection	\$25957.15
Percentage achieved	55%

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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