



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.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	On the Road to the Sacraments
<u>Tuesday, September 22nd</u> 5:30 pm – For the Grace of Children	
<u>Wednesday, September 23rd</u> 5:30 pm – Mrs. Gienia Kuszczynska	This past week we began our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and soon our process to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and reception of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will begin.
<u>Thursday, September 24th</u> 5:30 pm – Jelena Ljumovik +	Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist we call the three Sacraments of Initiation. In the earliest days of the Church, they were received at a single ceremony by adults. Baptism washed away sins and candidates prepared themselves by making a review of their lives and turning themselves over to Christ. Through a series of progressively more solemn rites, candidates came to the point when they were called to baptism by the Church. This Rite of Election is practiced in our own day with adults. In the Central Pastoral Region, Bishop Kasun conducts the ceremony on the first Sunday of Lent at St. Michael's Cathedral. At the Easter Vigil all three sacraments are conferred and the newly baptized adults become fully initiated as members of the Church.
<u>Friday, September 25th</u> 5:30 pm – Blessings for Robert and Bernard Czarnik	The practice of infant baptism has its origins around the period when the Church became increasingly accepted in the Roman Empire. In baptizing infants, we entrust the faith of the Church and formation in that faith to parents. What we think of as a long tradition of First Holy Communion occurring at age 7, has only been practiced for a little over one hundred years. It was Pope St. Pius X, who chose to admit children to the Eucharist "at the age of reason". What a blessing it is that the Eucharist, Jesus Himself, is given to children at the time when their imaginations allow for a big enough world to welcome God who sustains them and us in life and love.
<u>Saturday, September 26th</u> 5:30 pm – Alicia Guiritan +	Locally, we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation when children are typically in grade 7. Recalling the story from the Acts of the Apostles when the Holy Spirit was called down upon people who had recently been baptized, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are poured down in abundance. Our process will begin in January.
<u>Sunday, September 27th</u> 10:00 am – Parish Community 12:00 pm – Dorota Oblak - Healing and blessings for Danuta Lechowska Czarnik	The Sacraments of Initiation mark the beginnings of our Christian lives. Joined to Christ, endowed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and fed with and by Jesus Himself, we launch to become sacraments ourselves. Because we belong to God, the graces we receive and the graces we share with others travel around without our being conscious of it. It is nice when we do see the fruits of grace, but we should be assured, if we are striving to live a life of discipleship, that graces are at work all the time! It was this trust in the effectiveness of grace that inspired me to think about the possibility of my own vocation to the priesthood. It could inspire you in a way that is particular to you and to your own call. I saw some priests and some religious women and men who had steadily lived their lives in faith and I detected the silent heartbeat of the fruits of those vocations.
<u>Please Pray for the Sick</u> Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Tania Florian, Nestor Belisario Munoz and Vladimir Klimenko.	Let's all be inspired to trust in the life of Christ in us and to grow in mutual encouragement.
<u>Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul</u> Raymond Hosick, Carl Hetu, Anna Maria Silva and Margaret Galaski.	In Christ, Fr. Bob O'Brien
<u>Liturgical Feasts of the Week</u> <u>Wednesday, September 23rd –</u> St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Memorial	
<u>Saturday, September 15th –</u> St. Jean De Brebruf and St. Issac Jogues, Priests, And companions, Martyrs secondary patrons of Canada.	

CWL Trivia Night - Friday, Sept 25.

Join us for a fun evening of trivia! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. And trivia begins at 6:45 p.m.

Cost is \$15.00 per person, including refreshments. Come as a team or on your own - everyone is welcome. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

September 26-27: Season of Creation Action on Clean Drinking Water

Currently there are 38 long-term boil or do not consume water advisories in First Nations communities with 27 in Ontario, including some lasting for a decade or longer. Canada did not meet its commitment to eliminate these drinking water advisories on public water systems by 2021. First Nations also do not yet have legally enforceable safe drinking water protections similar to what we have in provinces and territories. **Visit Creation Care Ministry's table in the hall after all masses on September 26-27 to learn more and take action.** Visit our website at www.bit.ly/sjaccm for more Season of Creation reflection and action resources.

"Safe drinking water is the source of life and a human right. Its safety and accessibility must therefore be ensured. For the well-being of our entire planet, we are called to action... Make your voice heard to ensure that the federal government follows through on its pledge to provide clean drinking water on First Nations reserves." Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace, *Statement on the Right to Safe Drinking Water*, 2018.

FAIR TRADE WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 26/27

Development and Peace welcomes you back to our first **Fair Trade Weekend** next weekend - **September 26/27** – after the 5:30 and 10am Masses. Supporting Fair Trade supports farmers and their families in the Global South and supports good environmental practices. The Fair Trade Weekend schedule for **'26-'27** is on the D&P bulletin board in the hall and on the parish website. This is our **National Truth and Reconciliation Weekend** also. (**Orange Shirt Weekend**). We invite you to wear an orange shirt if you have one.

Healing and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is held each year on September 30. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and honour Survivors of residential schools and those who support them. In a special way, we remember the children that never returned home. We recognize this painful history and, as a Catholic community, acknowledge our involvement in the residential school system. On this day, we pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

First Communion preparation classes

We are now accepting registrations for the First Communion preparation classes which will begin October 25th. The registration is simple and only requires the completion of a few forms, the payment of the appropriate fee and the photocopy of the Baptismal Certificate. Please contact the parish office or the sacramental coordinator at sja.sacraments@gmail.com for more information.

Needs of the Church in Canada

On Sunday, **September 27, 2026**, we will have the collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. May God bless you abundantly!

Weekday Parking Notice

If you are visiting the church on a weekday for any church-related matter, please provide your vehicle and parking information to the parish office **in advance** to avoid receiving a parking ticket.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Sept 12th & 13th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1088
Loose	\$ 688
PAG	<u>\$1227.22</u>
	<u>\$3003.22</u>

Tip Tap & online donations	<u>\$125</u>
Total	<u>\$4634.15</u>

Suggested Parish Goal \$47500

ShareLife - Parish	\$ 12,066.15
ShareLife through Diocese	15,700.00
Total collection - Jan to Sept, 26	<u>\$ 27,766.15</u>
Percentage achieved	58%

Looking Ahead

Fair Trade Sale: September 26–27, 2026

Needs of the Church in Canada collection: September 27th, 2026

Blessing of Animals: October 4, 2026

Stewardship Weekend: October 17–18, 2026

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion: First Class – October 25, 2026
(*Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation*)

Confirmation: First Class – January 5, 2027

RCIA: First Class – September 15, 2026

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