



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

M6P 1A3

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, October 6th

5:30 pm – Arturo Dacanay +

Wednesday, October 7th

5:30 pm – Stefan Milkerowa +

- Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 8th

5:30 pm – Arneso & Jose Gurvarra+

Friday, October 9th

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

- Helena Lipowska +

Saturday, October 10th

5:30 pm – Filomena Tan + (100th

Birthday anniversary)

Sunday, October 12th

10:00 am – Parish Community

12:00 pm – Velma Pabian + (Birth Anniversary)

- Arturo Dacanay +

Please Pray for the Sick

Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Tania Florian, Nestor Belisario Munoz, Adelina Banez, Maria Rochelle Dacanay and Vladimir Klimenko.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

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

Liturgical Feasts of the Week

Wednesday, October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

The Organic Life of the Church

As I write this, I have just listened to a talk by the current Bishop of Calgary, on the subject of “synodality”. I am attending a gathering of alumni at St. Peter’s Seminary in London, Ontario, marking 100 years of the current seminary building. Bishop William McGrattan, was originally a priest of the London Diocese and later served as rector of the seminary. He spent time as an auxiliary bishop of the central region of the Archdiocese of Toronto in the early 2000’s. He succeeded Bishop Frederick Henry in Calgary, who was also a priest of London and a former rector.

I was struck in Bishop McGrattan’s talk by his emphasis on the life of the Holy Spirit as the major reason for being attentive to listening to one another. We all know that opinions are “a dime a dozen” these days, so the kind of listening we need to practice in the Church is not aimed at winning an argument. The listening we are called to do is meant to spark in us some understanding that will help the work of the Holy Spirit to be more fruitful.

It can be tempting in the Church to seek comfort more than challenge. We might think that the challenge lies with others while the comfort is for ourselves. To push against that is necessary, inherent part of the spiritual life.

The blessing of the Spirit, however, is that fruits do make themselves known. Within the structure of the Church is this dance between things that seem simple and direct and others that seem hard to understand and complicated. I have observed that much of the visible work of the Church is done often by a small number of people who accomplish a lot. My guess is that when more of us become active and engaged this basic reality will still be present. We are trying to accomplish something great with very little. We all have gifts, but we also have limited abilities. Often the things we think are going to be fruitful end up seeming less so, while things we have given less credence to, end up flowering.

Within even small parish communities it is easy to see that we have such varied personalities, experiences and vantage points. At the parish, I would say the first element in developing a deeper life of acknowledging the Holy Spirit is to learn more about the pathways that the Holy Spirit has drawn in our lives. As we see in each other more of the work of Christ’s Spirit, then it will be easier for us to say, “Yes”, as we are prompted further by the Spirit.

Bishop McGrattan devoted some time also to underlining the work that bishops and priests need to do not only to listen but to know and understand the contributions made by so many religious women and men, and by so many committed lay people. In Toronto alone, we have something like 250 lay movements. Some have local roots, but many have come from countries around the world, brought to us by people committed to their faith, wise and generous in Spirit.

This is why in any parish community it is important to have things that are formal and structured and others less formal things that draw us together in varied combinations and circumstances. It is this “shuffling of the deck”, that can reveal new things. Suddenly we see things from a new angle or we realize that some small change to something we are already doing could easily become more fruitful.

The reason, I think, the Church is focusing this around an historically important term like, “synodality”, is that this is meant to do what we always do in the Church – find renewal by going to our roots. It suggests too that this will be a stable theme meant to deepen the way we share together in the mission of the Church.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob O’Brien

The **Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Collection** takes place this weekend, October 3rd and 4th. We invite you to support this important collection through your prayers and generosity. Thank you for your support.

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.

Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland, Suggested Offering: \$75 per person (includes lunch), Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957
Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4
Saturday, October 31, 2026, 9:15am - 5:00pm

Merrymakers October Luncheon

Come Celebrate the Beginning of Fall with Us

The Merrymakers invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the beautiful arrival of the fall season. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 15th**, for our October Fall Luncheon. **Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m.**, followed by lunch at **12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person (cash only)** and will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekends of **October 3rd & 4th** and **October 10th & 11th** in the church hall. **This Month's Menu - Beef Stew • Dinner Rolls • Dessert**
 We look forward to sharing a lovely afternoon of good food, friendly conversation, and two games of Bingo. Bring a friend and enjoy this special time together.

We look forward to seeing you!

Winter Welcome Table planning meeting:

There will be a planning meeting on October 19th at 7pm for Winter Welcome Table. The meeting will take place in St. Peter's Catholic Parish Hall (Bathurst and Bloor). All volunteers, past and present are most welcome!
 For further information, please contact Richard Tone: rjtone2011@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting clean drinking water in First Nations communities

Thank you everyone who visited Creation Care Ministry's table in the hall last weekend and signed our letter in support of clean drinking water in First Nations communities. The letter with 83 signatures was sent this week to various government leaders and we will post an update when available. As the Season of Creation ends, may St. Francis of Assisi continue to inspire us throughout the year: “I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically... He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast... He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.” Pope Francis, *Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home* #10.

CWL

The CWL invites everyone to join us in praying the Rosary every Sunday at 11:30 a.m., before the Noon Mass, throughout the month of October.
 October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. For a little bit of history and to learn more about why we honour the Rosary during October, please see the write-up on the CWL board. We hope you'll join us in prayer each Sunday.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Sept 26th & 27th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,372.00
Loose	540.00
PAG per week(based on 4 weeks)	1,227.22
	<u>3,139.22</u>
Tip Tap	175.00
Online donations	87.53
Total	<u>\$ 3,401.75</u>

Suggested Parish Goal \$ 47,500.00

ShareLife - Parish	\$ 12,166.15
ShareLife - through Diocese	15,882.00
Total collection - Jan to Sept 30, 2026	<u>\$ 28,048.15</u>

Percentage achieved 59%

Looking Ahead

Indigenous healing and reconciliation collection: October 3rd & October 4th

World Mission Sunday Collection: October 18th

Blessing of Animals: October 4, 2026

Merrymakers October Lunch:
 October 15, 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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