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.devp.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

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

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

Parish Website

Donate

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, November 17th
5:30 pm – Ted Cremin +

Wednesday, November 18th
5:30 pm – For the Grace and blessing of Family

Thursday, November 19th
5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 21st
5:30 pm – Deceased members of Guiao and Banez Family.

Sunday, November 22nd

10:00 am – Parish Community

- **Late Paul Doyle**

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

Raymond Hosick, Carl Hetu, Anna Maria Silva, Margaret Galaski, Vince Blom and Anne Sorzano.

Liturgical Feasts of the Week

Tuesday, Nov 17th – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious.
Saturday, Nov 21st – The presentation of blessed Virgin Mary

Coming Toward the End of the Liturgical Year

We are approaching the last 2 weeks of this liturgical year. Over each twelve months we journey richly with Christ. There are the seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. There are the celebrations of the holy found in the saints, especially Mary, and in the Mystery of God. We call that part of the calendar, the sanctoral cycle.

It all begins with the very structure of the world we know well, that is, time! Each moment is sacred to us. While we might easily think of time eat, time to sleep, the idea of sacred time and its part in the growth of our vocations is less obvious. And sometimes, we think of sacred time as only the time we spend in prayer. Can our life be a prayer? The liturgical year reminds us of that movement. Sacred time is always moving, changing and inviting us in new directions.

Perhaps the least understood is "Ordinary" Time, because it is anything but ordinary. The word is used not to describe how we perceive this period but to say that this part of the calendar is constant except when interrupted by a "proper" season or feast.

The biggest feature we can see is that each liturgical year draws more heavily from one of the Gospels. In the first year, "Year A", we read from the Gospel of Matthew. Then, in Years B and C, we read from the Gospels of Mark and Luke. The Gospel of St. John is read extensively each Easter season and his Passion is always proclaimed on Good Friday.

Two weeks ago we had the unusual experience of celebrating All Saints on a Sunday. The sanctoral cycle "bumped" our regular celebration – a little extra texture this year. In the coming year Lent will be very early – February 10th! Easter will be before the end of March!

The most important thing, however, is not the experience of variety, but the journey the year invites us to. This is why it is good to take time to pray with the readings from Mass before you come. Let the Word of God soak in. Reading the Mass prayers can also do great things. We see the specific ways that we are called to be together in the Church – themes, attitudes, hopes, trusting convictions and divine truth. The "Collect" or the opening prayer of the Mass speaks thematically especially on Sundays to form us also for the Eucharist and for the Word proclaimed in the readings. If you want to see how the readings are chosen to sit beside one another each Sunday, the Collect can help you pick up on that.

The Eucharistic Prayer too, is well worth reading prayerfully. The Prefaces which move around somewhat go along with the Eucharistic Prayer. They all contain, praise of God, but also our story: Jesus' Last Supper, the echoes and the effects of being nourished with the Eucharist, and the hopes that draw us toward the Kingdom. The Our Father comes almost to crown the prayer – our family prayer anticipating communion.

This all has profound effects inside of us. We sense the importance of sacred time and realize God is always using it for our benefit. I hope we can recognize our efforts to say, "Yes" to God's quiet revelations contribute to our vocations in the present.

Every Mass feeds us on our journey but also marks the effectiveness of Christ's own work. In some way, the Kingdom has already come, and we are taken up in the divine mystery. Whether we lead busy lives or not we are living something of the Kingdom in our vocation, in our daily, "Yes".

As we approach the Solemnity of Christ the King next week, may we become ever more convinced of the importance of our contribution to the fulfillment of all of

Christ's work.
In Christ,
Fr. Bob

Confirmation preparation classes
We are now accepting registrations for the Confirmation preparation classes which will begin January 5th. The registration is simple and only requires the completion of a form, the payment of the appropriate fee and the photocopy of the Holy First Communion Certificate. Please contact the parish office or the sacramental coordinator at sja.sacraments@gmail.com for more information.

Merrymakers – Looking for Cooks
Do You Have a Passion for Cooking? The Merrymakers Team is looking for a volunteer to plan and prepare a special luncheon for approximately 30–40 participants in November or February, with the support of our team. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your favourite meal, showcase your culinary talents, and bring joy to others through food and fellowship! Interested? Please contact the parish office @ 416-762-1026. We'd love to cook up something wonderful together!

Merrymakers November Luncheon
The Merrymakers invite everyone to join us on Thursday, November 19th for our November 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 November **7th and 8th** and **November 14th and 15th** in the church hall. **This Month's Menu- Bratwurst on a Bun • Potato Salad • Sauerkraut •Dessert**. We look forward to sharing a wonderful afternoon of delicious food, friendly conversation, and two games of Bingo. Bring a friend and enjoy this special time together. All are welcome!

Parish Fall Clean - Up on Saturday November 21st at 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Leaves have fallen outside. Clutter has risen inside. Please join us for our annual fall clean-up next Saturday November 21st from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided. We will rake up the leaves, prepare the gardens for winter and clean up some growing clutter in the parish hall. Whether you can come for the full time or just an hour, it all makes a difference. Please dress warm with outdoor footwear and bring a rake and gloves if possible. If it rains, the parish clean - up will be on the following Saturday November 28th. Your help would be much appreciated, and we hope to see you there!

St. Vincent de Paul
Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their annual fall Bundle weekend, November 21 - 22, 2026. The truck will be in the parking lot to accept your gently used items, See the posters for more details. Thank you for your continued support for the less fortunate of our community.

CWL
The CWL is organizing a food drive in support of St. Francis Table on the weekends of November 14/15 and 21/22.Parishioners are invited to bring **non-perishable food items** before or after mass and place them on the designated tables in the parish hall. Donations may also be dropped off during regular parish office hours. A list of needed items is available in the Parish Hall on the CWL board and on a poster near the coffee bar. **Please refer to the list.** Thank you for your generosity and support.

Advent Table Wreath Sale | November 21–22
Welcome Advent into your home with a beautiful, four-candle Advent wreath, created by our parishioner and local floral designer, Joanna Harshman. The wreath sale will take place on Saturday, November 21, and Sunday, November 22. You can place your **pre-order on November 14 and 15** at the back of the church or in the church hall after Mass. **15% of the profits will go directly to support our parish.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER
Fundraising Event for the parish. Mark your calendars SUNDAY DECEMBER 13. - 5:30-10:30 pm ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE. Tickets go on sale November 21 -22, November 28&29 and December 5&6 if needed. $25 adult $15 ages 3-12.
More details to follow.

ANGEL TREE
This year we will be having an Angel Tree, in the parish hall, where parishioners may take an Angel from the tree and purchase a gift according to gender and age of child and returned under the tree by December 13th. It must be wrapped and have the Angel taped to it. All gifts will be delivered to a Fire Hall for distribution to needy children.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Nov 7th & Nov 8th 2026

Envelopes	$1,467.00
Loose	681.00
PAG per week(based on 4 weeks)	1,293.21
	3,441.21
Tip Tap	130.00
Total	$3,571.21
Suggested Parish Goal	*$ 47,500.00*
ShareLife - Parish	12,566.15
ShareLife - through Diocese	17,193.00
Total collection - Jan to Nov 11, 2026	**$ 29,759.15**
Percentage achieved	**63%**

Looking Ahead

Merrymakers Luncheon: Nov 19th, 2026

Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair, November 28 & 29.

Fair trade sale, November 28 & 29.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation: First Class – January 5, 2027

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Parish Office will close at Noon on Nov 17th, 2026, Tuesday.

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.

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