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, December 1st
5:30 pm – For Stanley's Physical and mental health

Wednesday, December 2nd
5:30 pm – Vincent Blom +

Thursday, December 3rd
5:30 pm – Carmen Filardo +

Friday, December 4th
5:30 pm – Vincent Blom +

Saturday, December 5th
5:30 pm – Intentions of Luljeta Plumbaj

Sunday, December 6th
10:00 am – Parish Community

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

Monday, Nov 30th – St. Andrew Apostle Feast

Thursday, Dec 3rd – St. Francis Xavier, Priest Memorial

Advent

Many of the Christmas traditions we know in Canada come from the latter half of the 1800's. The commercialization of Christmas has almost made the feast fall in the Advent period. We are treated to Advent calendars with little treats, lots of shopping and feasting and all that ho ho holiday music. By December 27th there is a distinctive quiet.

The word "Advent" comes from a joining of the Latin words for "to", "ad", and "come", "venit". It tells us that we are "coming to" the birth of Jesus and in a real sense our new birth in Christ. The very word, "Christmas", is simply Christ Mass. We will gather around the Eucharistic table in celebration of the birth of Christ.

The twelve days of Christmas are the days between Christmas and January 6th, the normal date for the celebration of Epiphany. In the northern hemisphere these are the shortest days of the year. This made it a time of year when it was good and natural to seek out companionship and some good food. In many European countries it was traditional to exchange gifts on Epiphany echoing the Magi who brought gifts for Jesus.

This first Sunday of Advent will also mark an important step for our adult candidates for baptism. While there is no obligatory timeline in the journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation, for those who feel ready, they participate in the Rite of Acceptance. This marks the moment when they officially become "catechumens". The word comes from Greek and it refers to a period of thorough instruction. We are getting focused! The next big step will be on the first Sunday of Lent.

In the midst of the sometimes needed running around at this time of year, please also try to find a little quiet. The Lord is coming and can come again newly in our hearts and souls. Some of us also are on our own at this time of year and a little extra attention to noticing one another and providing encouragement is also a very good thing.

Lastly, it is wonderful to see the engagement of so many in our parish not only to work together and serve those in the parish community but also to see all the initiatives that are outward-looking. These are both fruits of communal life and seeds for greater fruitfulness.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER
Join us on **Sunday, December 13, from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM** for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship! We are excited to announce that **most of our tickets have already been sold, with only few tickets remaining!** The remaining tickets will be available for purchase on **November 28 & 29**. Ticket prices are **$25 for adults and $15 for children (ages 3–12)**.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas collection
Christmas collection will take place during the weekend of December 5–6 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Pastoral Support-Visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins
As a parish community, we wish to be present to our sick and shut ins. If you wish or know someone who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please contact the parish office at StJoanofArcTO@archtoronto.org or call the parish at 416 762 1026

Giving Tuesday
This **Tuesday, December 1**, is **Giving Tuesday**, a global movement that encourages people to give back and support causes that make a difference in their communities, following Black Friday. We encourage you to support our Giving Tuesday campaign here at St. Joan of Arc, with proceeds supporting our ongoing Winter Welcome Table project for those experiencing homelessness in our community. Donation envelopes can be found in the parish hall and at the back of the church. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for helping us put our faith into action.

2027 Envelops
Donation envelopes for the upcoming year are now available for pickup in the Parish Hall. Please pick up your assigned box at your convenience. If you would like to receive a box of donation envelopes but have not yet been assigned one, please contact the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or send us an email: StJoanofArcTO@archtoronto

Advent Prayer Service
All are welcome to an Advent Prayer Service at St Joan of Arc Parish on Wednesday, December 16, 7:00-8:00 pm. Come to prepare and quiet your hearts and minds for Christmas. The prayer service will use the songs of Taize and a meditative form of prayer that centres around stillness, scripture, and short, repetitive songs that allow us to enter into a quiet state of reflection and connection with God. Songs of Taize, such as Ubi Caritas, are sung regularly after communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a time for fellowship and light refreshments in the parish hall before the service at 6:15 p.m. Parishioners are also invited to participate in roles such as readers, greeters, set up, singing and hospitality. If you are interested in assisting, contact the parish office.

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 Nov 21st h & Nov 22nd 2026

Envelopes	$1,120.00
Loose	741.00
PAG per week(based on 4 weeks)	1,293.21
	3,154.21
Tip Tap	185.00
Total	$3,339.21
Suggested Parish Goal	*$ 47,500.00*
ShareLife - Parish	12,566.15
ShareLife - through Diocese	17,223.00
Total collection - Jan to Nov 25, 2026	**$ 29,789.15**
Percentage achieved	**63%**

Looking Ahead

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

Fair trade sale, November 28 & 29.

Giving Tuesday – December 1st

Father Robert O'Brien's Installation – Dec 6th

Fair trade sale, Dec 12th & 13th

Christmas Dinner – December 13th

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation: First Class – January 5, 2027

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