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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (UKI)

Sunday Mass: 2:00 p.m.

(Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance

Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00am – noon;

1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243

Mass  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Bill Poole

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, March 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Bert Jordan

Requested by Patrick Jordan

Thursday, March 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Meriam Gaviola

Requested by the Family

Friday, March 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm



Fri., March 13 - CLOSED

Mon., March 16 – Fri., March 20 - CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Friday, March 13th and for the March Break holiday (March 16-20). We will re-open on Monday, March 23rd at 1:00pm. Voicemail will be checked regularly for emergencies. All other calls will be returned on Monday, March 23rd.

PARISH VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROGRAM

This program is our commitment to a safe environment that safeguards, in all respects, those to whom we minister; while ensuring the integrity, safety, and reputation of our volunteers. The goal is to ensure that, as a faith community, we fulfill all our obligations.

Roll out of our Parish Volunteer Screening Program will begin over the next few weeks, and all volunteers will be contacted with more information. We thank you for your support in this effort. Screening email:

screeningstanselm@gmail.com



The Archdiocese would like to remind parishioners that pastors would never text or email a request for gift cards for fellow parishioners or for themselves.

These are scams and should be reported to the police at once.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

“A great Cultural, Spiritual and Educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal” [Pope Francis].

What better time to take up that journey than this season of Lent.

Come and join us for a parish Lenten prayer service on **Wednesday March 25 at 7:15 p.m.** in the parish hall hosted by EcoAnselm. All are welcome to attend.

ShareLife: It’s who we are!

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it’s who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Proposed Expansion of Euthanasia

On Monday, February 24, 2020, the federal government introduced Bill C-7, an Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying). The bulletin/pulpit announcements below may be utilized to help raise awareness within your parish community.

Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand!

Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

Invitation to the Women's Network Monthly Neighborhood walk for March

We would like to invite you to join the Women's Network for their next monthly neighborhood walk. The walk will be led by a special Leaside community member, Geoff Kettel. Among other credentials, Geoff

was a contributor to a Heritage Toronto publication "Cultural Heritage Landscape of Leaside" (2016). He will briefly introduce us to Leaside's historical agricultural settlement and be able to point out interesting sites that contributed to Leaside's residential development during the early 20th century. The walk will be held on **Wednesday, March 11th** at 9 am, after morning Mass. We will meet at the McNaughton entrance of St. Anselm's Church. Hope you can join us! **About Geoff Kettel:**

Geoff Kettel is a community connector and advocate for "making places better". He is currently Co-President of the Leaside Residents Association, Co-Chair of the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA), and Chair of the North York Community Preservation Panel. He has written a monthly column on heritage and planning in Leaside Life since September 2012.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

It is always recommended that we go to confession before celebrating the important Feast days of the Church. The Archdiocese of Toronto has designated the week of **March 22-28** as Week of Confessions and each Catholic Church in the area has a special day for Confessions.

At St. Anselm's, our Day of Confessions is **Wednesday, March 25th**. The times are as follows:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For neighbouring churches and their dates/times, please visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/confession>

FROM BAPTISM TO GLORY



Lent focuses on the journey from baptism to glory. The baptized receive the promise of glory when they are incorporated into Christ, but that promise must develop, be lived and nourished by the Eucharist and come to maturity in the life of each disciple. We cannot pass from promise to glory without passing through the paradox of Jesus' suffering and death. Today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration tells us how this was accomplished for Jesus, and how it will also take place for us. As Jesus travels to Jerusalem, his disciples are clueless about what will happen there. To their limited view, Jesus is surely on the cusp of victory. Glory is within their grasp. What they have not grasped yet is that to get to glory, Jesus will have to suffer rejection and death. He takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. What they witness is like the end of the story appearing in the middle. The paradox of his apparent defeat and death is

illuminated to reveal its hidden meaning. Moses and Elijah frame Jesus in glory to affirm that by his death he is fulfilling the law and the prophets. As God's Son, he is leading the exodus from the slavery of sin to the freedom of new life. This profound theology lies at the heart of the Gospels. By his sacrificial death, Jesus saves us while we were still sinners and loves us when we were unlovable. In essence, by his life, death and resurrection, Jesus reveals that the face of divine mercy is greater than any evil and more powerful than death itself. It cannot be otherwise, because God is love. No one, even the greatest sinner, can escape the fire of divine love, because it is the source of everything God has created and sustains in existence. Even if we turn away from God, God never ceases to love us and pursue us.

Peter, James and John will not grasp this mystery until they themselves need it. They will fail Jesus in his hour of need, denying and abandoning him when he is seized, tortured and executed. Their sin is the greatest sin of all, to turn away from an intimate friend to save themselves. In the abject misery of their guilt and grief, they will finally understand the depth of Jesus' love for them. When the risen Christ restores them to his love, they will become apostles, able to tell others the good news they themselves have received in full measure.

We, too, must learn by experience the shocking secret of God's unconditional love, a mystery so deep it defies our own limited understanding of mercy. Glory is the capacity to love - not just our friends, but also our enemies. Our limited standards of justice and love must be thrown open to encompass the limitless patience and compassion of God. The logic of the law cannot define God's love for sinners. Therefore, our baptismal journey, to be complete, must break our hearts and expand our minds again and again until we are as generous as the heavenly Father Jesus revealed. As we continue our Lenten journey, Jesus is eager to teach us. Even when we grasp the cost of discipleship and falter, he touches us and says, "Rise, and do not be afraid." He is always with us, for we belong to him in baptism and we are on our way with him to the glory of his resurrection. Are you coming?

Lent** is a season of almsgiving. Jesus taught us that what we do for the poor we do for him. We pray for those who are hungry...for those without shelter...for those who are dying for lack of medical care...for those without the opportunity to learn...for those who live with violence...and for generous hearts and creative minds that we might do our part to alleviate poverty...**Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayer.

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