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Mass Intentions for Week



THIS IS A TWO-WEEK BULLETIN

DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 12

Monday, December 31st, 8:15 a.m.
Freeman D'Silva
Requested by Chris, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva

Tuesday, January 1st
NEW YEAR'S DAY – no 8:15 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 2nd, 8:15 a.m.
Janina Pliszka & Olga Priestman
Requested by the Lopatko Family

Thursday, January 3rd, 8:15 a.m.
Mary Jordan
Requested by Patrick Jordan

Friday, January 4th, 8:15 a.m.
Konrad Zbigniew Mulak
Requested by the Family

Saturday, January 5th, 11:30 a.m.
Rita Mullrooney
Requested by Joe & Toni Brisbois

Monday, January 7th, 8:15 a.m.
Neil Fitzgerald
Requested by the O'Carroll Family

Tuesday, January 8th, 8:15 a.m.
Mass of Thanksgiving
Requested by Chrisanthy Cyril

Wednesday, January 9th, 8:15 a.m.
Mark Poole
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, January 10th, 8:15 a.m.
Chang Joon Yu
Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family

Friday, January 11th, 8:15 a.m.
Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa
Requested by the Filippi Family

Saturday, January 12th, 9:00 a.m.
Ken Stovell
Requested by Mel Kostovcik



Due to advanced printing of our bulletins ahead of the holiday closure at Liturgical Publications, we are unable to provide up-to-date information until January.

CHECK IT OUT! Our parish is now on **TWITTER**. Follow us @StAnselmChurch



On Monday, December 31st, morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. and New Year's Day Mass (January 1st) will be at 11:00 a.m. There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass on January 1st. Happy New Year!



Confirmation candidates who are currently enrolled in our parish preparation program – our second session will take place on **Saturday, January 12th** in the parish hall. Please arrive by 9:45 to sign in. The session will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

Boxed envelopes for 2019 are in the Millwood lobby. If you had a box in 2018, your number will remain the same. Boxes are in alphabetical order by LAST NAME. Please include your name and address on the first 4 envelopes of 2019.

Should you wish to submit donations to be credited toward your 2018 donations, please note that our books will close on December 31st prior to the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

PAG participants - special collection bundles have been mailed and should be received shortly. If you would prefer to switch to our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG), simply complete the registration form (found in the lobby or available through the parish office) and provide us with a void cheque. Thank you for your support!

EcoAnselm members remind you that they are still collecting any used eyeglasses you may have by placing them in the box located at the back of the Church. They will ensure that they are given to someone in need.



The parish office will be closed during the week of December 31st – January 4th. We will re-open at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7th. Parish office voice mail will be checked regularly for emergencies. All other inquiries as well as all email messages will be answered during the second week of January.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Grateful thanks to St. Anselm's casserole chefs! **You produced 506 casseroles for the Good Shepherd Provide-A-Meal program in 2018.** Thank you for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry! Are you interested in joining our casserole program? Please call the parish office to find out how you can help by making one casserole every other month – a casserole that will provide a hot, nutritious meal to TEN hungry individuals!

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If so, we ask that you take a moment to ensure that your mailing address and contact information are correct and up-to-date with the office. This will save headaches when it comes time to send out charitable donation receipts early in the New Year.

Growing Pains



In today's Gospel, Jesus has made the annual journey to Jerusalem to attend Passover ceremonies with his parents. At age 12 he is preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, but that ceremony is not planned for another year. Jesus, however, is ready now to make the transition between childhood and

adult faith. By demonstrating his great understanding in the temple, he shows he is ready to take on greater responsibility. He knows his heavenly Father and is willing to follow. Today's readings teach us the requirements of adult faith. The first reading from the Book of Sirach gives readers an in-depth look at

honouring your father, while the reading from Colossians gives an overview of all we are to become. First we learn that paying consistent heed to a commandment throughout our lives will reap untold benefits. An adult understanding of any commandment is not an easy one; we need to walk through good times as well as bad, always deepening our trust in God. As we age, our adult faith is tested. If we choose to deepen our faith, we become the person described in Colossians — someone clothed in compassion and love and peace. The first reading demonstrates how we walk toward adult faith; the second reading explains that once we have done all we can, we become compassionate, loving and peaceful. This is the goal of adult faith. What does adult faith look like? The Gospel reading teaches us that adult faith can be both unexpected and daring. We also learn that we must ponder all the events of our lives in order to understand the ways of God. In staying behind in the temple with teachers and elders, Jesus steps outside accepted practice. He should be following his parents home, but he has found a higher calling. Somewhere in his journey toward Passover with his earthly parents he has come to understand that he is the beloved Son of God. He stays in the temple to further explore his new understanding, leaving his parents first to worry and finally to ponder his unexpected actions. As adolescents and young adults, each of us experienced growing pains as we defined who we were separate from our parents. This psychological definition of ourselves usually has a beginning and an end. Spiritual identity and maturity are not so clear-cut. Each day our actions either define us as spiritual adults or spiritual children. Are we living the commandments in depth or do we adhere to a superficial understanding and bail out when the going gets tough? Do we listen to the voice of God within us? Are we brave enough to step outside of the norm when required? By all accounts, Jesus was disobeying his earthly parents. He had the courage to follow a deeper commandment and honour his heavenly Father. Do we have that same courage? The courage to listen and respond to God's word is sorely needed in our world today. When events in our lives startle and surprise us, do we have the courage to ponder them as Mary did? It is so tempting to react rather than to respond. Today is a day to renew our own confirmation promises, expand our understanding of our spiritual lives and embrace all of our adult responsibilities. It is a tall order, but with the help of God we can succeed.

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