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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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:15 a.m.
Ray Camiré
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 23rd, 8:15 a.m.
Cecilia Buraglia
Requested by the Escallon Family

Thursday, October 24th, 8:15 a.m.
Konrad & Zbigniew Mulak
Requested by the Family

Friday, October 25th, 8:15 a.m.
Betty Stokes
Requested by Celine Richardson and Family

Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 a.m.
Joan Melchers
Requested by Jan Melchers and Family

Help!

If you have taken a box of donation envelopes bearing the number **153**, please either call the office to let us know, or write your name and address on the next few envelopes

you use. We cannot issue tax receipts without proper information. Your cooperation is appreciated.

GROUP "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd are due THIS WEEKEND, October 19/20th. Please bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen before Mass. Thank you to our Casserole Chefs!

The Come and See Weekend November 1-3, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 1

The next "Bundle Up" collection weekend is coming up on **November 30/December 1**.

SAVE THE DATE!!



...for St. Anselm Women's Network's Craft, Bake and Vendor Sale!! Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, December 1st from 9:30am to 1:00pm for Christmas treats and gift ideas. More

information to follow...don't miss it!
Pre-orders for popular baked items should be submitted to the parish office by November 6th along with payment.
Please see the order forms on the glass tables.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

WHERE: Northlea School, 305 Rumsey Rd
WHAT: Blood Donor Clinic
WHEN: Tuesday October 29, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Call 1-888-2-Donate to make an appointment

SPECIAL COLLECTION

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift toward this collection helps:

- People in remote villages, towns and cities, through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests;
- Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick and orphans through the services of religious Sisters and Brothers;
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family;

Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH LIFE **Serving the Hidden Form of Poverty**

In 1926, Pope Pius XI declared that the second last Sunday in October would be World Mission Sunday, a day in which the entire Church renews its missionary commitment and prays for the missions. When we think of the missions in the church, we often think about those striving to spread the Gospel in remote areas ravaged by poverty. However, in our secular society there is rampant poverty all around us, for according to St. Teresa of Calcutta, "the most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

How often do we aspire to do great things for the church while neglecting the loneliness experienced by

those in our parish communities and homes? This is a question we should prayerfully take to heart and then seek ways to act as loving stewards towards our neighbour. One tremendous act we can offer someone in need is a genuine smile. St. Teresa of Calcutta exhorts us saying, “let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

From this initial act of love we can begin to offer the gift of our time to others, journeying with them. The gift of our time can take the form of visiting the sick in hospitals, the elderly in nursing homes or the imprisoned. Moreover, it can also be practiced by going out of our way to speak to parishioners who could use support, whether because of the arrival of a new child, a new job, a death in the family or any other reason. Let us begin to realize that missionary activity is fostered close to home and begins with a smile that can lead us to generously share our time with the parish community as true stewards of Christ.

St. Anselm Women’s Network will meet on Wednesday, October 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

October 21 is Election Day – Time to Vote!

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites every eligible Catholic to vote in the federal election on October 21. One of the five core directions of the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Pastoral Plan calls on us to be engaged in the public square. As a charity, the Archdiocese of Toronto must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters and to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on election day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective – visit www.archtoronto.org/election for more information. Please take the time to pray for those seeking elected office, reflect on your vote from a Catholic perspective and most importantly, cast your ballot on October 21!

THE WIDOW AND THE JUDGE



Persistence! That’s a customary explanation given for the point to this Gospel story; only the way we have often presented it is to cast the judge in the role of the God-figure. Consequently, in our usual dramatic portrayals, God is implicitly the one who is slow to listen to the pleas of a poor and vulnerable widow — a woman without a husband, without status, without income, without security. According to this account, God only grants

the woman her claims because she pesters him to the point that God loses his patience and reluctantly gives in. Persistence triumphs! But there’s a problem with the picture this story paints. The judge, the God-figure, does not come across as someone we would want to emulate. The Gospel story tells us that he neither “feared God nor respected any human being.” Beyond that, the sense we get is that God is someone to bargain with or pester to the point of wearing him down. What if we see the widow as the image of God? If the widow is now pictured as the God-like figure, it becomes possible to arrive at a whole new meaning for this parable. From this perspective the message is still about the importance of persistence, but the persistent one is now presented as that person who — often against all odds — keeps resisting injustice, keeps renouncing discrimination, keeps opposing bigotry in all its dimensions. The widow, then, takes on the role of a Rosa Parks, a person who endured until justice was achieved. The original meaning of the Gospel passage is still maintained, only now it becomes the constant commitment to seek justice wherever it is being denied. This stance then insists we refuse to relent in our requirements to provide our children with adequate education and health care. It insists that all of us demand that our prisoners are treated with respect, that our soldiers are given appropriate health care, that our elderly are able to afford an adequate pension, that our planet is respected as a God-given gift. It’s a story about persistently hungering and thirsting for justice. The problem, though, is that throughout human history, multitudes have begged God to grant relief to those who are burdened with pain and sorrow. And yet injustice remains. Peace seems hopeless. Bigotry persists. As a consequence, many lose heart. They find that perseverance in the face of repeated horrors is one of the greatest challenges that human beings have to face. In his famous “Letter from the Birmingham City Jail,” as quoted in Martin Luther King’s book *Why We Can’t Wait*, Dr. King writes: “We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. ... For years now I have heard the word ‘Wait!’... This ‘Wait’ has almost always meant ‘Never.’ We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that ‘justice too long delayed is justice denied.’ ”Today’s Gospel story ultimately becomes the Christian answer to the painful reality of justice delayed and denied: namely, that God’s plan for a kingdom of justice and peace will eventually be accomplished. In the meantime, we are called to “pray always without becoming weary.” Persistence!

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