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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Sunday: 5:00 p.m. 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 RECONCILIATIONSaturday: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.

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Tuesday, January 14th, 8:15 a.m. Jo Kostovcik Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, January 15th, 8:15 a.m. Pablito Rosales Sr. Requested by the Family

Thursday, January 16th, 8:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Paul Crawford Requested by the Kennedy Family

Friday, January 17th, 8:15 a.m. For Peace and Care of Creation Requested by EcoAnselm

First Communion



Parents of children enrolled to receive this sacrament in the spring are reminded of a meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm in the church. During this meeting,

you will be asked to select the date for your child's First Communion from available Masses during the Easter Season. *Every effort should be made to attend this brief meeting.*

GRATEFUL THANKS TO ST. ANSELM'S CASSEROLE CHEFS! YOU PRODUCED 486 CASSEROLES DURING 2019 FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM.

> THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Group "A" casseroles (surnames A-M) will be due NEXT WEEKEND, January 18/19. Please bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall

kitchen before Mass next weekend, or to the parish office during the week.

"This is my Son, the Beloved..."



Most of our experience of baptism today is that of a little child whose primary role is to cry or not cry. It is the parents who are the principal participants. Let us once again remind ourselves that in the early church it was adults who were baptized. Only later did it

become common to baptize infants. When adults are baptized, they speak for themselves about their intention to accept the demands of the Christian life. Infants have parents and godparents to speak for them. When infants grow up, however, they must come to an understanding and acceptance of the gift and responsibilities of their baptism. At the beginning of the ritual of baptism of a child, the parents are questioned about their intentions. The presider then instructs them, "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (or her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (or her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour." Then comes the kicker question: "Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" Every parent says, "Yes." As we hold that little child, all scrubbed up and shining, crying or not crying, we have no idea how he (or she) may break our hearts. But they can and they do. Because life is a struggle and sometimes it's a struggle with those we love the most, with those for whom we would give up our lives — in fact do give up our lives, in little ways every day. What did Jesus know on the day he accepted baptism? He was God, after all, and God knows everything. Did he picture the cross that would loom above him just three years after his baptism? Did he know the pain he would suffer as he tried to make his disciples understand his mission? Did he know how much it hurts to love someone and let them go?

What Jesus knew for sure is that he was in the care of God and that God would direct him as needed, when needed. This is exactly what we know when we truly stop to think about it. We don't know the future, but we know God is present there. Our task is to live each day, each hour, as people of integrity, as believers who are called to a standard of behaviour that is worthy of Jesus. Whether at work, at home, on the road, in church — wherever we find ourselves, we belong to Jesus. We made a promise. We're supposed to live as he would live, speak as he would speak, do as he would do. Put simply, we are meant to do what we say we will do. And, in baptism, even if

we had nothing to say about it at the time, we said we will try to be good and follow Jesus. Simply put, do what you say you're going to do. If you're a Catholic you have said you will go to Mass every Sunday. So don't debate it - do it. You have said you will teach your children about Jesus. Do it. You have said you will obey the commandments. Don't lie or cheat or steal or gossip. That's not what Jesus would do. Don't worry so much about being first or best or greatest. Jesus wouldn't do that either. Love God. Love each other. Do it - because we said we would. From the moment of his baptism, when he was endowed by the Spirit and identified as God's Son and Servant, Jesus served God's purpose. As we celebrate Jesus' baptism today and as we remember our own, let us also be renewed in our efforts to uphold God's justice and to be the light in someone else's darkness. And then, if we listen closely, maybe we will hear that voice of God say those words we long to hear: "You are my beloved ... and I am so pleased with you."

For the church, that we may recognize our calling to be sons and daughters of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share God's Good News with others...



Thank you to all who gave of their time to assist with our Christmas liturgies including the members of our Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality,

Altar Guild and Altar Servers.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25

The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture reading in this service describes a perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the sometimes tempestuous journey Christians make together towards unity.

Visit <u>www.weekofprayer.ca</u> for more information.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION The Spirit is Alive

The Toronto Catholic Distric School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the 2020-2021 school year beginning on **Wednesday**, **January 15th**. For information on requirements and the registration process, please visit <u>www.tcdsb.org</u>

Please take a moment to send us an email or give us a call to update our records if your address changed in 2019. This will ensure your tax receipts reach you by mail next month. Thank you!



Regarding current threats to our global climate situation, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto has issued a statement that "*responding to this crisis forms an integral part of the Church's mission*" (Fr. Lohale, Archdiocese of Toronto).

December 2019 was the fifth anniversary of the formation of the "St. Anselm Ecology Group", now known as "**EcoAnselm**".

EcoAnselm invites all parishioners to consider joining our parish ministry of ecology as we strive to better recognize ecological threats facing our world today and work to better protect our common home. Information about EcoAnselm is available on the Ecology Wall in the Millwood entrance.

The Good Shepherd

The Good Shepherd supports the homeless with things like food, clothing, and toiletries. St. Anselm's Parish is initiating a program to collect items for The Good Shepherd on an ongoing basis. Donations would be greatly appreciated. There are bins at both entrances of the church to accept contributions. The following is a list of items required:

FOOD

Canned tuna/meat, canned soups/stews, canned vegetables/fruit, instant/ground coffee, tea, hot chocolate, peanut butter, jams, cookies & crackers, rice, vegetable oil, powdered milk, tomato/spaghetti sauce, cooking spices

MEN'S CLOTHING

Winter boots, winter coats, underwear (new), socks (new), jeans (all sizes), rain jackets and ponchos, warm gloves, winter hats & scarves

DORMITORY SUPPLIES

Razors, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, body lotion, towels

THANK YOU!

