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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, January 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Patricia Mary Paolini

Requested by Diane, Courtney & Kaleigh Sutherland

Wednesday, January 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Paul Parent

Requested by the Family

Thursday, January 30th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, January 31st, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the McGroarty Family

Daniel McPhee is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 23, 2020 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal to the bishop or pastor any impediment to sacred orders.



Group "B" casseroles will be due the weekend of February 15/16. (Family Day Long Weekend) If you know you'll be away, please drop off your frozen casserole to the parish office prior to that weekend.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9

All are welcome to a celebration of marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins and held on **Sunday, February 9th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Isaac Jogues (1148 Finch Ave.) in Pickering.

An Evening at the Seminary' will be taking place on **Monday, January 27 @ 4:45pm at St. Augustine's Seminary.** This evening at the Seminary invites men in high school and older to join Fr. Chris, the Seminary Rector, seminarians and faculty for a short evening beginning at 4:45pm, including Mass and supper with the seminary community, followed by short talks. The evening concludes with seminarian-guided tours for the guests. All those who are interested are asked to register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca in order to attend this event.

Humanitarian Relief – Australia Fires

As you are aware, in recent weeks, hundreds of forest fires in Australia have killed dozens, destroyed thousands of homes and threatened many local species with extinction. At present, more than 10 million hectares of bush, forest and parks in the country have been impacted.

Locally, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, fondly known as Vinnies, has volunteers on the ground in hundreds of communities across the country helping people as they deal with the immediate aftermath of fires as well as the long-term recovery.

100 per cent of donations are used to support those who have been affected.

Members and volunteers live and work in the impacted communities and will stay alongside people affected for the many months and years ahead as they recover from these devastating fires.

Funds channeled through our Australian St. Vincent de Paul partners will provide:

- Emergency financial packages to families who have lost their homes or been impacted in other ways by the fires.
- Food, clothing, generators, household items, furniture, vouchers and other essential items.
- Direct support with crisis accommodation through our own services or making referrals onto a range of other organizations and specialized services.
- Much-needed emotional support and counselling.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
St. Anselm – Australia Fires – Disaster Relief

Please use a humanitarian relief envelope. (yellow in colour, on the glass tables)

Our prayers are with the people of Australia as the country struggles to cope with this disaster. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist those in crisis.



St. Anselm's Ecology Group
Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis
Laudato Si'
 Chapter Two
 The Gospel of Creation

64. Furthermore, although this encyclical welcomes dialogue with everyone so that together we can seek paths of liberation, I would like from the outset to show how faith convictions can offer Christians, and some other believers as well, ample motivation to care for nature and for the most vulnerable of their brothers and sisters. If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn “realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty toward nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith.”³⁶ It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions.

Pope Francis

Darkness and Light



Today's readings are filled with contrasts: rich and poor, darkness and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership. Speaking to us today, Isaiah offers the image of rich nations being humbled. He foretells the coming of a

saviour from the poor, lowly land of Galilee. The second reading reveals the division in the early church as the newly baptized searched for their identity, aligning themselves to the one who baptized them. Paul has to remind them that the fledgling church has only one leader, Jesus, the crucified and risen Christ. Paul boldly challenges the people of Corinth, and challenges us today, to be “perfectly united in mind and thought.” In our Gospel, we hear that Jesus (who was, indeed, perfectly united in mind and thought with God) withdraws after hearing of John's imprisonment, moves to Capernaum, and from there begins calling forth those who would be his disciples. Finally, Psalm 27 proclaims “The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?” We can imagine David, and even Jesus, calling out to the Lord in their darkness and fear. Two millennia

later, we continue to call upon God to lead us out of our darkness. In our human experience, it is difficult to truly know the strength of the light unless we have experienced some form of physical, emotional or spiritual darkness. We can't know the peace of unity without experiencing the pain of division. We can't know the impact we can have on one person or on our world without seeing the emptiness caused by solitude and scarcity. Historically, division has had disastrous results. Following in the footsteps of Isaiah and Paul, luminaries such as Mahatma Gandhi, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and today, Pope Francis, have shown us that we can live lives of peace and unity. Our challenge is to find methods to apply them in our country, in our communities, in our workplaces, in our homes, in our places of worship, and most importantly, within ourselves. When we truly examine our hearts, where do we dwell? Do we dwell in the darkness that is ignorance and self-righteousness? Do we go through our days with an “us vs. them,” or “mine vs. yours” mentality? Do we withdraw and hoard our God-given gifts and treasures from those who truly need them? While we are dualistic by nature, God is not an either/or God. God is a both/and God. In today's readings, God meets and walks with us in the darkness, in the division and in the solitude, calling us to light, unity and action. In the busyness of our days, how often do we ignore God, who is constantly and lovingly calling us to this wholeness? Throughout our lives, the tension between dark and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership is one way God draws us into a deeper relationship. As we go forth this week, let us look at our lives and contemplate how God is calling us from our own physical, mental or spiritual darkness into light, from our unthinking words and actions that divide to words of peace that have the power to heal and mend relationships. And let us also consider the gifts and talents we can share with others who are struggling. How many of us can honestly say we are “perfectly united in mind and thought” with one another and with God? That is today's challenge.

For a spirit of hope, that all who find themselves walking in darkness may be renewed in mind and spirit with a vision and promise of life and wholeness... We pray...

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