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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

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Mass for Intentions Week



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

Tuesday, February 4th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Deceased Members of the Murphy Family
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, February 5th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet
and Meeuwssen Families
Requested by the Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

Thursday, February 6th, 8:15 a.m.
Pablito Rosales Sr.
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, February 7th, 8:15 a.m.
Jin Won Yu and Byung Sook Cho
Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family



Tax receipts for donations made in 2019 will be mailed out this week. Please keep an eye out for an envelope from the church – your receipt from St. Anselm will include offertory donations, contributions to all Archdiocesan special collections and any donations to ShareLife made through the parish. If you made donations to St. Vincent de Paul, there will be a SEPARATE receipt in the SAME envelope. Please check your envelope carefully before throwing it out. If you are contributing to the Family of Faith campaign, the Archdiocese will issue and send you a receipt directly.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The Church will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, **February 2, 2020**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. All are welcome to come to a special Mass on **Sunday, February 2 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto**, to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese.

65. Without repeating the entire theology of creation, we can ask what the great biblical narratives say about the relationship of human beings with the world. In the first creation account in the Book of Genesis, God's plan includes creating humanity. After the creation of man and woman, "God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was *very good*" (Gen 1:31). The Bible teaches that every man and woman is created out of love and made in God's image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26). This shows us the immense dignity of each person, "who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. "37 Saint John Paul II stated that the special love of the Creator for each human being "confers upon him or her an infinite dignity."38 Those who are committed to defending human dignity can find in the Christian faith the deepest reasons for this commitment. How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles! The Creator can say to each one of us: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jer 1:5). We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason "each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." 39

Pope Francis

...MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION...



Scholars have called the infancy narratives, found in Matthew and Luke, a Gospel in miniature. Even if we did not have the chapters on Jesus' ministry or the passion narratives, we would have sufficient Gospel material to understand and believe in Jesus, in his purpose and how God's plan of salvation was realized in him. Luke

was intent upon portraying Jesus, in this narrative, as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. To that end,

he was careful to say that the actions of Jesus, Mary and Joseph were completely in accord with Jewish law. According to that law, mothers were required to be ritually purified 40 days after the birth of a son and 80 days after giving birth to a daughter. As a burnt offering, a lamb could be given, and for a sin offering, a dove or a pigeon. For those without the means to offer a lamb, another dove could be offered; Mary and Joseph offered two birds. Later in his ministry, the Lamb of God would offer himself as a sacrifice. Throughout his infancy narrative and in this narrative as well, Luke used the term “when the time came” or “when the days were completed.” This special term suggested the inauguration of the messianic era. Even more suggestive are the several references to the Holy Spirit, who was also associated with the coming of the saviour. Recall the prophecy in Joel on the outpouring of the Spirit that would accompany the Messiah. No doubt Luke also had in mind the words of Malachi (first reading), describing how the Lord would come to his temple. This messianic tone is further accented in the interchange between Simeon, Anna and Jesus’ parents. Simeon is described by Luke as a just and pious man; Anna, too, was very faithful and devout. Together, they were representative of those righteous, true Israelites who were humble enough to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah. Simeon’s double pronouncement also casts him in the role of the aged sentinel whose long watch has ended with the appearance of Jesus at the temple. In Simeon’s first pronouncement, the universal scope of Jesus’ mission was affirmed in Isaiah’s terms: “in the presence of ALL peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles.” Simeon’s second announcement, directed at Mary, was more ominous. Describing her son as a sign that will be rejected, Simeon’s oracle indicated the manner in which Jesus’ salvific mission would be accomplished. Notice that Luke has placed “fall” before “rise”; some have understood this as a reference to the passion and death of Jesus (fall) that preceded his resurrection and glorification (rise). The term rise is used elsewhere in the Gospel to describe the action of rising from the dead. A variety of explanations have been offered for the sword that would pierce Mary’s heart. As a mother, she would suffer to see her son suffer. This is undeniable. But those who belong to Jesus will also know suffering, because discipleship costs dearly. Nevertheless, those who “fall” with Jesus will also “rise” with him. And what does this feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple mean for us, the disciples of 2020? As we celebrate today, let us present ourselves to God as Jesus did - offering all we are, all we have and all we will become; let us, like Jesus, be willing to go forth from this place determined to be a source of light and

healing in an often dark, broken world. Let us grow strong and wise, knowing that the favour of God rests upon us. Amen.

Note: The last time we celebrated this feast on a Sunday was in 2014. It is celebrated 40 days after Christmas on February 2nd.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Parents of children who participate in the Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 a.m. Mass are reminded that children are dismissed at the *very beginning* of Mass and are escorted to the hall by a catechist. If you happen to arrive late for Mass, you are asked to keep your children with you. It is neither safe nor wise to let young children wander around a building unescorted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Confirmation candidates who are registered to receive the sacrament in the Easter season are reminded that the third preparation session will take place on **Saturday, February 8th** in the parish hall.

Please arrive and check in at 9:45am. The session will begin promptly at 10:00am. If you are ill that day, the parish office should be notified prior to the start of the session.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th will mark the 28th World Day of the Sick. For Pope Francis’ message, please visit:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20200103_giornata-malato.html

As is our custom, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, February 15th**. In next weekend’s bulletin, there will be a reminder of what this sacrament is and who is invited to celebrate.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Group “B” casseroles for the Good Shepherd are due February 15/16. This is the Family Day long weekend. Please bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen before Mass that weekend or make arrangements to bring it to the parish office during the week. Thank you for your commitment to feeding the hungry.

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