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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

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 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.

FALL OFFICE HOURS

By appointment.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, January 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, January 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Jean Stovell

Requested by the Family

Thursday, January 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, January 27th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed

Requested by a Parishioner

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS **WITH BISHOP NGUYEN**

Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration opens on December 9, 2022.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources.

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"We are faced not with TWO separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather, with ONE complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature (Pope Francis, LS139)

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Everyone's care and advocacy is needed to resolve the problem of food-insecurity in Canada.

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." ('LS' 14)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION The Spirit is Alive

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 begins on **January 25th** at 10am. Children born in 2019 are eligible for kindergarten. Registration can be done online at soar.tcdsb.org

Do you know a kid who LOVES to sing? Voices Rock is an inclusive, after-school rock choir for ALL young voices (Gr 4-12). February 6, 2023 kicks off our 2nd semester, with a promo of \$350 for 14 weeks of professionally directed, fun choir practice at Leaside United Church and a big end-of-season concert (with a live band!!)

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CAN'T WAIT TO SING WITH YOU!

Isa 9:1-4
Psalm 27

1Cor 1:10-13, 17-18
Matt 4:12-23



In today's Matthean Gospel, after the evangelist has quoted the words of the prophet Isaiah and shown that those promises have been fulfilled in the person and mission of Jesus, he then narrates the call of the first disciples. As Jesus'

followers, they were invited to serve at his side and speak and act in his name, dispelling the darknesses of evil, ignorance, prejudice, pain and need while bringing God's good and gracious light to all. In considering the call of those first followers of Jesus, we have been given an opportunity to rethink and reclaim the varied calls that have made us who we are.

In sharing her own experience, Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor has agreed that God does not call us once but many times (*The Preaching Life*, Cowley, New York: 1993). There is the initial call into being and life, which is blessed and sanctified by the call to baptism. At each stage of our development as persons and as believers, there are calls that bless and challenge our growth. We are called to be fed at the table of the word and with the bread of Eucharist. We are called to affirm and be affirmed by the Spirit in Confirmation. When we sin, and even when we do not, we are called to experience the healing and new life of Reconciliation. When any of us falls ill, the community is called to surround them with love, prayer and the support of the Sacrament of the Sick. Some will hear and respond to the call and vocation of Marriage; others will be called to Ordination. Still others will respond to God's call as single persons or as religious brothers or sisters. Whatever their lifestyle, all are called to work and to witness together to the God whose call continuously mentors and nurtures every one of us without exception.

In between these "larger" calls, there are many other calls and echoes of calls, like the call to serve in a particular community or the call to move on to another venue of need. There are calls in and out of relationships as well as the call to seek God, wherever and in whatever voice God may choose to be heard. Even the media can be a venue through which God summons disciples to action. When earthquakes, fires, mudslides, floods and famine are reported, with all their sad and grim statistics, is it not the voice of God saying, "There is need here. These are your brothers, your sisters calling out to you. Can you hear my voice in their cries?" Then there are the calls that come via telephone. This committee or that needs a leader; this project needs volunteers; someone needs a ride to the doctor, to the grocery store, to church. Do you have anything to offer a family made poor by unemployment? Can you make something for the bake sale? Can you help with this, with that? While all these in-between calls may seem unimportant or inconsequential compared with the real "biggies" of life, it is in these small calls that disciples learn the faithfulness and sensitivity that will prepare them to recognize and respond to God's greater calls when they come.

When Jesus called his first disciples, he did not give them a detailed job description or a list of benefits and perks. These would come later. Rather, he told them to look beyond the Sea of Galilee to the great "sea" of humanity, whom it would be their privilege and responsibility to draw unto God. To their credit, they followed him. Today, the followers of Jesus are continually challenged to hear and heed the call that beckons us to go beyond ourselves, our interests, and our comfort zones so that we can venture into those places of struggle and need where we otherwise might never have gone. As teacher and healer, as light and life, Jesus continues to call disciples to himself. Those who accept his call to belong to him are also challenged to belong to others, serving their needs, sharing their faith, encouraging their hope - just as Jesus did.

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