

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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;

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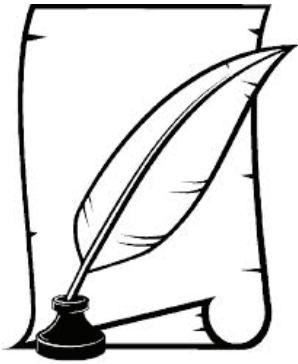
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners – we are here for you. Email is being monitored regularly at stanselparish@bellnet.ca You may also leave us a voicemail message at 416-485-1792.

From the Pastor's desk...



I am indeed grateful to the providers of our bulletin, Liturgical Publications, that we now have the ability to communicate with you through the parish website. We will continue to post weekly so that you have the

information provided by the Archdiocese on when we can slowly resume celebrating Eucharist and what steps must be taken in order to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation that were scheduled to take place during the Easter Season. There are both candidates and an elect who are thirsting for acceptance into our community. Young people who have prepared for Confirmation and First Eucharist are waiting to hear how we are going to celebrate these important steps on their journey of faith. I now have a tool to assist us when this information is forthcoming.

As you all know, the government of Ontario has issued first steps in bringing some businesses back into production along with a number of critical measures to protect both workers in those industries as well as those of us still required to stay at home. Quite a number of us are called to continue to practice doing something by doing nothing as we wait to see if this step is a successful move forward in this battle against Covid-19. I would ask that all of you join me in praying that we are able to move forward to the next step in another couple of weeks. I have included several

prayers that you may use either together as a family or individually during your own prayer time.

Until we come together once more, our plans and efforts to replace the roof are on a temporary hold. Luckily, the last shingle repair has held over the worst of the winter/spring windstorms, although we haven't faced the severe weather that hit us last year – yet. I will definitely keep you posted as we move forward.

I want you to know that I pray for all of you daily and understand that you miss coming together as the community of faith to celebrate Eucharist. Both Father David and I miss you too. What keeps me going is the understanding that the Lord is walking with us on this journey and is calling us to follow his lead. It is because of our love for one another that we struggle with the need to self-isolate as much as possible, even when the weather calls us to throw caution aside. Just as we have heard over and over on TV – stay home, wash your hands and pray that we are successful.

(Father) Tom.

Prayers of the Faithful:

For all who have died, particularly those from Covid-19, that God may welcome them into the fullness of life where pain and suffering are no more... We pray...

For all who work to restore life and bring healing, especially for those serving Covid-19 patients, that God may guide them as they journey with those in pain and preserve them from harm... We pray...

For government leaders, that God may give them insight and courage as they develop plans to preserve the health and safety of society and to reopen the economy... We pray...

For healing in mind, body and spirit, that the wounds of Christ may restore to wholeness all who are suffering... We pray...

And for the celebration of Mother's Day today...

For all mothers and for those who have shown us a mother's love, that God may watch over them, bless them with every good gift and fill their hearts with peace... We pray...

Sunday Readings FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33
1 Pet 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

"Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you."

"The Way, The Truth and The Life"



The Gospel for Sunday has a touching story about Jesus and the disciples. He is helping them get ready for his suffering and death. They are stunned. Once he had asked if they

were going to leave him, as many others had. Peter had said, "Where would we go? You have the words of eternal life." Now the situation is reversed. So he says a simple thing. "Do not let your hearts be troubled by this. Believe in God, believe also in me." The straightforward meaning of this directive is, you know how to trust; you do it with God. So use some of that kind of trust with me. Good enough, but there is a much deeper meaning. He is saying, in effect, "I, Jesus, am in complete union with the Father. I am a member of the Trinity. I am a revelation of everything that the Father is. When you trust the Father you are trusting in me in the very same act. It goes right over their heads, as it often does ours. Jesus, the compassionate, tries an illustration. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself." What an image - a physical place, where we can all be together again! He will come back and get us. Who could misunderstand this? The apostles could and did. Fear and grief blocked it. Jesus tries a different

approach. "Where I am going you know the way." Thomas explains the practical difficulty with such a statement. "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" In today's language, we would probably phrase it more rudely: "Well, duh! The way depends on where we are supposed to end up. Name the town and we will get there before you." Again, he has missed the deeper meaning. Jesus had often referred to himself as "the way," as in "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "You can know the way to the Father because the Way is me." It is a beautiful depth of truth. But it does not work. Philip cuts to the chase: "This idea is much too fancy. Just show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Philip has uttered a masterpiece of practical misunderstanding. Jesus, now shocked too, says, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?" "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." This is exactly the nuance that their shaken souls could not look at, the oneness of Trinitarian presence. God's love has been incarnated. It can never leave us, not really, not even to go to some far-away, roomy house. God is in Jesus and Jesus is in the world and he sends his Spirit to show us the Way. Let the apostles grasp for their practical answer. We know that, underneath the seemingly natural, pragmatic, practical world lies the vast, quiet grandeur of God's infinitely loving presence. Jesus was teaching his apostles the deepest mystery of the whole Christian faith - the way God can become a complete human being without ceasing to be God or human. Like a good teacher, he used image, story and description. We, too, are called to reflect on this Gospel and move toward the answer to this mystery of faith through prayer and listening with an open heart as we proclaim this story. Even when we can't go to Mass



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From time to time, inspirational things like this can and should be shared. This video was sent to me recently - I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

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