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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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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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 14 2020

Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147

1 Cor 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

One Bread, One Body



Of the over 7 billion people alive on this planet, at least 1.5 billion subsist below the internationally accepted poverty line of \$1.90 a day. Worldwide, every single day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. The Gospel of John presents many

images that give us a sense of the wondrous totality of the saving power of Jesus Christ, the messenger from the Father who responds completely to the most fundamental needs of human existence. For example, when he speaks of our need to find a way out of the darkness of despair and tragedy, he presents himself as the “light of the world.” When he speaks of how desperately we need to find the passageway to the fulfillment of our deepest longings to love and be loved, he presents himself as “the gate.” When he speaks of how vulnerable we are and how much we need protection, he presents himself as the “good shepherd.” And when he speaks of our hunger, our hunger for food and drink first of all, but also our hunger to be fed the diet of being respected and treated with dignity, he speaks of himself as the “bread of life.” He tells us further that “whoever comes to me will never be hungry.” What’s even more remarkable is that the Gospel of John presents Jesus’ image of himself as bread and wine so nakedly that it scandalizes

some of his followers: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” But Jesus responds even more strongly: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” What he’s saying with these shocking words is: Don’t just “believe” in me, consume me; absorb me. The reward for you will be the promise of his abiding presence within you forever; it will be the kind of nourishment that will fulfill all your deepest needs. This is what the Eucharist that we celebrate together is all about. St. Paul, in our second reading today, tells us clearly that the cup we share is “a participation in the blood of Christ.” He tells us that the bread we break is “a participation in the body of Christ.” Think of it: When we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ, it’s almost as though we are able to be affected at the molecular level of our being, if we allow it. We are then able to say with St. Paul, “I live now, not I, but Christ who lives in me.” That is what the Eucharist offers us: the dynamism, the newfound energy to live out the command to become “my flesh for the life of the world.”

Since the release of the video shocking the world with the horrific death of George Floyd, protests have encircled the world with the cries of those who feel the injustice of discrimination and societies who have created a world where, in anguish and pain, crowds shout out “black lives matter” and “I can’t breathe” in voices resounding with cries for all of us to listen-listen and head the call for justice. We are not immune to this call for justice and action “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1 Cor.10:17)

“As Catholics, our salvation history has taught us to first tend to the poor and oppressed as Jesus did. In choosing to be Catholic, we are called to take up the cries that shout “black lives matter.” The cries of our revolutionaries are the cries of the one calling out in the wilderness. To prepare the way for the Lord, we must tend to the wounds of our body, our black sisters and brothers who are broken, bleeding and being murdered. And just as Jesus exorcised impure spirits from a man by calling them by name, we must exorcise the world by calling out the plague of racism and white supremacy.” (NCR, June 6, Teresa Marie Carino)

St. Teresa of Avila possibly said it best with these words: "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. You are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world." What would Jesus do?

Let us bring our needs to God this day, believing that our hungers will be satisfied.

For all who cannot receive the Eucharist, particularly those in places where churches remain closed due to Covid 19, in refugee centres, or imprisoned for their faith, that God may strengthen them and make God's presence known to th

For this Christian Community, many members but one body, that we may be a people of deep gratitude and allow God to continue to build us into a community of faith and love...We pray...

For all who have experienced violence and fear due to the colour of their skin, that God may protect them from further harm, right the injustices that have occurred, and give them hope...We pray...

For all who are ill and those care for them, that God may send healing to the sick, strength and wisdom to those who care for them and inspiration to those researching treatments and vaccines for Covid 19...We pray...

For all who have died, that God may welcome them into the heavenly kingdom in the company of all the saints...We pray...

From the Pastor's Desk

Re-opening does not mean the pandemic is over. Incredible caution must be taken at all times. As disciples, we are charged with the responsibility of looking after each other. Everyone's well-being is important. The experience of going to church will be different until such time as a vaccine is made available. Your willingness to cooperate with health guidelines is paramount.

Update from the Archdiocese of Toronto Dated May 24 2020

The Archdiocese continues to update all of us online at their website, www.archtoronto.org/covid19. Currently, task forces have been working to address the re-opening of churches and parish offices, the financial implications and best practices that can be implemented post pandemic. All work has been done in consultation with health and safety experts and will be shared with parishioners once their work has been completed and approved. As soon as we receive this information, we will let you know. There is ability to have your own copy of the next update by signing up in the May 27th update.

As previously reported, First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations cannot take place right now; whether these are re-scheduled in the fall or moved to a date in 2021 is largely dependent on how soon we are able to return to church in greater numbers. Weddings and Baptisms can proceed at present but are limited by the guidelines from local health authorities to 5 people including the presider. Funerals continue with a limit of 10 people. As always, if you have questions, we will try to answer them insofar as we are able. All of us together must be patient with the process; be assured that I continue to pray for all of you and stand with you in anticipation of the day when we can celebrate together, however that may need to look.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

Thank you to all our faithful casserole chefs who have contacted us asking about casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge. Our building (office, church, basement) remains closed and we cannot collect or retrieve casseroles that are dropped off. Furthermore, the Good Shepherd Refuge has suspended serving the communal meals that come from these casseroles due to the current health situation. Instead, they have been serving "boxed lunch" type means with single serve foods such as granola bars. The Good Shepherd may still be accepting donations delivered directly to them – should you wish, please call them directly at **416-869-3619** to inquire about what they are able to accept, and which items are most needed.

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