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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, September 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwse Families

Requested by the Estate of Frank. J. Vander Vloet

Wednesday, September 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Jo Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, September 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Dorothy Brunelle

Requested by Paul and Theo Borg & Family

Friday, September 18th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9

Psalms 103 Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord is merciful and gracious;

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Forgiveness and Love



In this Gospel the Matthean Jesus affirms that no limit can be placed on the number of times we should forgive another's sin, and he also describes the quality of that forgiveness: We are to forgive one another "from the heart." Forgiveness from the heart is a deliberate decision

on the part of the one who forgives. Unlike the Western mindset which often associates the heart with emotions and feeling, people in the ancient Near East saw the heart as the seat of the intellect. Therefore, forgiveness is a rational act of the will, which may or may not have the added bonus of making us feel good about our decision. Forgiveness based solely on feeling will not endure; therefore, those who belong to Jesus are to forgive "from the heart." To make his point more clearly, the Matthean Jesus told the parable of the king settling accounts with his servants. Based on

the amount the first servant owed, it would seem that he was a high official, perhaps a governor responsible for collecting revenue for the king from an entire province. What is translated as "a huge amount" in earlier times is more accurately rendered as "10,000 talents" in our translation today. This figure was meant to go far beyond one's mental grasp. In ancient times, 10,000 was the highest number used in reckoning, and the talent was the largest monetary denomination. As such, the first servant's debt stands in colossal contrast to the second servant, who owed 100 denarii. A denarius was the usual day's wage for a laborer. The first servant was forgiven an unrepayable debt. But when he heard his own plea ("Be patient with me and I will pay you back") echoing from the lips of his fellow servant, he had neither patience nor mercy. He had not learned the quality of forgiveness from his experience. His heart was not transformed by the goodness and mercy that the king had shown him. Herein lies a lesson for every believer. Jesus' suffering and death have brought undeserved forgiveness to each of us. He died for us "while we were still sinners," as Paul reminds us. Having been shown such mercy and love, we, in turn, are to be forgiving of others. If we are not, we will reap the consequences of our refusal. Perhaps this parable and its challenge might return to visit us the next time we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Unless we can bring ourselves to forgive all who sin against us, with our lips as well as with our hearts, we contradict our belonging to Jesus and we live a lie. But if, by God's good grace, we can learn to forgive as we have been forgiven, then the authenticity of our belonging to God and to Jesus will speak for itself.

God's forgiveness is always there and so is God's love. The relation between love and forgiveness helps us see the difference between forgiving a wrongdoer and enabling him to continue in his wrongdoing. Let's look at one example to help us understand. Love wants the good for the beloved. A person who forgives a sinner loves that sinner; and because she loves him, she has a heart for his good. A wife who continues to live with a husband who beats her isn't forgiving him. She's helping him to get worse. There is nothing loving

or forgiving about enabling a person to get worse. For her to forgive her husband is for her to want his good, even in the face of his bad treatment of her. But his good requires, first of all, that he stop hurting her, and then that he repent his terrible treatment of her. If he is unrepentant, if he rejects goodness and love, then she can *want* the good for him anyway. But her forgiveness of him will be like a gift that can't be given because he won't receive it. Then the best she can do for him is to keep a distance from him, so that he doesn't get worse by continuing to hurt her. God's love is like this, too. God's forgiveness is always there, and so is God's love. Because God loves every person, God offers the good to everyone too, no matter what that person's sins may be. God does not keep a careful distance from us when we sin. What stands between us and God is only our own unwillingness to receive the gift God is offering. If we will only not reject it, the gift of God's love and forgiveness will be given to us *and* received.

For the church, that we may be instruments of mercy and compassion toward all who are estranged from God, others, or themselves...We pray...

Daniel McPhee is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on October 3rd, 2020 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Part of Dan's diaconal ministry will be here at St. Anselm's.

ShareLife and other charities that the Archdiocese supports are still happy to receive any donation you may wish to give to support their good work. If you have envelopes in your weekly offering box or PAG bundle, you may still make a donation to those charities through the offertory basket at the end of Mass or by mailing it to the parish office.

We remain under capacity restrictions for indoor gatherings at this time. We ask that, whenever possible, parishioners 65+ attend on Saturdays at 5pm. On Sundays, parishioners with surnames beginning with A-L please attend the 9am and surnames M-Z attend the 11am. Thank you.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Important Announcement for parents with children currently registered in Grade 2 who would be planning to celebrate Reconciliation and First Communion in the parish community of St. Anselm's.

Due to Covid 19 and continuing restrictions placed on large gatherings as well as health and safety measures implemented to keep all of us safe, our communication will continue via email, the parish website and the school website for notification of details surrounding preparation for these sacraments. These notices apply to all who consider this parish the one where they come to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist in normal times. Moving forward, preparation will take place remotely and suitable resources have been sourced in order for parents to help their children at home. It will be critical for you to pay close attention to details as they are provided. Updates will be posted in the bulletin and can be found in the bulletin library at stanselmsto.archtoronto.org The parish email is office@stanselmschurch.com.

Parish Preparation has been suspended for the time being. Children currently in the Grade 2 program are invited to participate in the parish preparation program offered remotely and described in the announcement above.

Confirmation

Young people who were prepared to celebrate Confirmation last year will be celebrating this sacrament once the Archdiocese has released instructions on when and how we can proceed with your celebrations. It is important that the integrity of the sacrament be maintained in a safe manner for both the presider and the candidates.

For those who are currently entering Grade 7, a program that can be completed remotely is currently being adapted to your needs and will be available as soon as it is ready. This program will be available to all who currently attend St. Anselm's parish in normal times. **Young people currently in the Grade 7 parish preparation program are included in this announcement.**

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