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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

Please call for appointment.

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

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am – noon
(Voicemail and email checked regularly)

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

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Mass for Intentions Week

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

Ken Stovell

Requested by the Family

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

Giovanni Gnoco

Requested by Augusta Gnoco

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

Deceased Members of the Aust Family

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

Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwse Family

Requested by the Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

IMPORTANT – NEW CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

Cardinal Collins, in compliance with health officials has directed parishes that from November 24th onward, Mass attendance will be restricted to 50 people per Mass.

No one likes having to do this but it is for the health and safety of all. Though people may find this difficult or frustrating, the Gospel calls us to love our neighbour. Making sure that other people are both safe and well is an expression of the Gospel. Health inspectors will visit churches, and no one wants to be found not in compliance with these new restrictions. For this reason, we will continue with the use of the attendance counter as people enter for Mass through the Millwood doors. Once the counter reaches 50, the door must be shut and no exceptions will be permitted until further notice.

Should you experience symptoms of any kind, we ask that you stay home and take the proper precautions. Please do not come to church to attend Mass with a fever, severe cough etc. Thank you for your cooperation and please keep well.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - PHILIPPINES

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to aid those struggling in the Philippines after the recent typhoons. Visit the following link to make a donation:

<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=378>

CONFIRMATION

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Registration forms for **Confirmation** candidates currently in Grade 7 should be submitted by **Wednesday, November 25th**. Please contact the office with any questions.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 1Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Ps 23

Matthew 25:31-46

A TIME FOR CHOICES



This is the last Sunday of the Church year. Next week we will begin the new church year, starting with Advent, our time of waiting. On this last Sunday of the year, the Church appropriately celebrates the feast of Christ the King. Here is the story of

this king of ours. First, God continually sought out his people throughout history, inviting them into a covenant relationship. But the “shepherds of Israel” let God’s sheep scatter over the face of the earth. They actually made a feast of the sheep instead of feeding them. So God said the words of the First Reading. “I myself will look after and tend my sheep. The injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.” God’s care for his people is exquisite, and it is the foundation of all our beliefs. He shepherds us today in the same way. The Responsorial Psalm, “The Lord is My Shepherd,” is used here simply as a reply to the First Reading. To paraphrase, we see that God is shepherding us, as he promised. Goodness and kindness are all about us. God lets us walk beside restful waters, through green pastures. We are filled with gratitude. People of different generations sometimes remembered and sometimes forgot God’s love. The ones who forget it fill their lives with other gods, whichever seem most attractive. Idols, these are called. So, in the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us about Christ, who is God’s shepherding made flesh. Although death and sorrow and sin have been on the rampage, Christ brings the First Reading’s light and peace and wholeness. Then the Gospel tells us in a parable who will receive this light and

peace. Not everyone is among God's beloved herd of sheep. Some people have been goats instead. How do you know which you are? The standard is extremely clear. Have you cared for the hungry? Have you given water to the thirsty? What about welcoming the stranger, and giving clothes to those who have none and what about visiting people in prison? This is what God did in the First Reading. It is what Jesus did in his life on earth. It is the loving duty he has entrusted to us who are his body, his band of shepherds. If you have joined this group, then you are one of the sheep who have received Christ's love and who are very grateful. But maybe you or I have never taken time to care for Christ's least brother or sister. Maybe we are goats. If we keep on that way, we should not be surprised when God says at the end of time, "You never did pass on to others the care I gave to you. You did not let me into your life. If you had, your gratitude would have led you to others! I would love to shepherd you even now, but all I can do is affirm the choice you have made with your life. You have chosen to live without me, your God, and I will respect your choice." This is how a real King acts. He respects and honours his subjects' needs and desires. We have to ask ourselves in freedom which side we are on right now, before it is too late.

What choices can we make? Exactly what heroic deeds do we need to perform in order to be chosen as a sheep? Real life becomes simple choices...a cup of water, a shared meal, a friendly visit, the gift of clean, warm clothing, the willingness to listen to another and share his or her struggles, hopes, dreams. These are the actions that make the power of the resurrection and glory of our King Jesus present to others. Just as simple acts will make believers identifiable as people who belong to Christ, so the lack of such acts will make them unrecognizable to him. Notice that those who hear the risen Jesus say "Depart from me" are not necessarily guilty of dastardly deeds or heinous crimes. They didn't mistreat the hungry, the thirsty, or the sick. They simply didn't recognize and honour the partnership these shared with God. They did not recognize the face of Jesus in his most distressing disguises and they did not reach out to meet his needs and ease his plight. Their futures are forfeit to their own failures. The ultimate criterion of judgement is love. This criterion has remained unchanged for over two thousand years

and yet the victims of our world, the least ones with whom God chooses to partner and with whom Jesus chooses to identify, continue to increase in number and in the depth of their suffering. Therefore, my friends, we reach out once more to this particular Gospel to remind us that the foundation upon which we must build is love. It is the culmination of the last few weeks – love God with your whole being and love your neighbour as yourself. Today, let us pray for the grace to make our choices wisely.

In the Kingdom of God there is love. For an increase in charity towards all people...for attitudes of acceptance, encouragement, and generosity...We pray O God...

Thy Kingdom Come.

For the deceased relatives and friends of all in this parish community, that they may be feasting together at the banquet table of the Lord...We pray, O God...Thy Kingdom Come...

Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact information for you by letting us know if you have moved or changed phone numbers.

We will be communicating updates through the bulletin and by email – if you haven't received emails from us but would like to, send us a message at office@stanselmschurch.com with the subject "Add My Email".

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available this weekend and next. The price per Missal is \$5.00

To limit contact, we ask that you please bring a \$5 bill (or 10 dollar bill should you wish to purchase two) to place it in the available box and that you pick up your own Missal from the table.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

Frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected outside the MacNaughton doors prior to Masses this weekend. Each casserole provides a warm and nutritious meal for TEN hungry individuals. We are grateful to be able to resume this program and thank all our casserole chefs and volunteers. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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