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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
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, April 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Vicky Zettel

Requested by Catherine and Steve Carter and Family

Wednesday, April 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Nicholas Lopatko

Requested by the Lopatko-Mammoliti Family

Thursday, April 15th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Ford, Moore and Dyer Families

Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

Friday, April 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

Cardinal Collins' dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains in place during the third provincial shutdown. Please stay home whenever possible. We are still permitted to welcome parishioners for in-person Mass attendance for both weekday and weekends at 15% capacity. We have moved to www.eventbrite.ca for weekly registration of Mass attendance. We will email a link to registered parishioners each week.

Please register **EACH WEEK** for a weekend Mass (not necessary to register for weekday Mass attendance) and you will be asked to check in upon arrival. For this reason, please leave time to arrive before Mass begins. Once Mass is underway, the doors will be shut to ensure we don't exceed our capacity. This means you may not be able to enter even if registered if you arrive late. Please call the parish office with any questions regarding EventBrite registration or to request manual registration if you are not using a computer. We will be pleased to assist you.

The goal for the 2021 **ShareLife Campaign** is \$13.8 million. Our parish goal is \$108,000.

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Next weekend, April 18, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

St. Anselm's Parish - YouTube Channel

We invite parishioners to visit and subscribe to our parish **YouTube Channel**.

[St. Anselm's Parish Leaside - YouTube](#)

The Rosary Apostolate invites you to participate in the Rosary virtually on their YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheRosaryApostolateInc>

Video links for Grades 1 to 3: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden – First Sorrowful Mystery – One Decade

<https://youtu.be/ZeTNdHp-efs>

Grades 4-12: The Sorrowful Mysteries

<https://youtu.be/x0TOBHBekqo>

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11 2021

Acts 4: 32-35

Ps 118

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever."***

MY LORD AND MY GOD



In the sacred texts for today, we are reacquainted with the earliest believers in Jesus. We are invited to see and appreciate the impact of the risen Jesus on their lives. Because of Jesus, as Luke tells us in Acts, the believers were of one heart and mind. They shared all they had; there was no need to which they did not tend. Graced by God, they bore powerful witness to their risen Lord. Three times in Acts, Luke offers us a glimpse into the life of the emerging church. Three times, we are challenged to ponder our own enthusiasm for the risen Christ. Three times, we are invited to look within and consider the depth of our own transformation by Easter grace.

In today's second reading, the Johannine author reminds us of our heritage. By faith we are begotten by God. We are the blessed sisters and brothers of Jesus who are called to love as he did and obey God as he did. That love and obedience must issue forth in love for another. Begotten and loved by God, believers are empowered, as John says, "to conquer the world" — that is, to overcome those forces that are hostile to God, to justice, to life and to truth.

Today's Gospel is so very familiar to us, yet perhaps we might look at it with fresh eyes. In addition to following Thomas' journey from doubt and disbelief to faith in Jesus — "My Lord and my God!" — we might also consider what William Bausch has called the Thomas Syndrome: "Thomas, called Didimus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came" (*Once Upon a Gospel*, Twenty-Third Pub., New London, Conn.: 2008). Where was he? How could he have been absent? But he was, and as a result of his absence, he didn't see Jesus or hear him speak or receive his peace. He wasn't there when Jesus breathed forth his Spirit on his own. Therefore, he didn't understand; his faith was shaken. He had nothing to hold onto but his doubt. Bausch goes on to suggest that we too, at times, are Absent Thomases. "We are absent from sufficient knowledge about our faith". While we may be up-to-date on current events, and while we try to remain current in our job skills, we may not always be so conscientious in enriching our faith and appreciating the rich traditions of our church. How can we follow the lead of those earliest believers in the great work of evangelization if our religious education and formation ended in grade school or high school? Our religious formation must be continuous. It is a cradle-to-the-grave process.

Had they been left to their own devices, the disciples may have remained silent and fearful behind closed doors. But Jesus came to them, wished them peace and breathed the new life of the Spirit into them. This same Jesus comes to us, breathing the power of the Spirit into us, enabling us to overcome our doubts and fears so as to witness to the Gospel. We, for our part, are to receive that Spirit and cultivate its presence in our lives. Like Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, we are to be wise and sit at the feet of Jesus, listening to him and taking his words to heart. We are privileged to avail ourselves of the rich resources offered in the scriptures, as well as other worthy publications and prayer and study groups that are sponsored by our parishes. This will preclude our being Absent Thomases without clear knowledge of our faith.

Thomas has another valuable lesson to impart to all who struggle to believe. A week later, when he was with the disciples, Jesus invited him to

touch his wounds and to believe. Thomas recognized the risen Jesus and made a profound declaration of faith — "My Lord and my God." He had experienced the resurrection. We who also know and believe Jesus-risen are to offer that same experience to others. Resurrection happens whenever love transforms life; when someone offers forgiveness despite a burning desire for vengeance; when a nation begins to value and protect the rights of all, not just a few; when the poor, hungry, homeless and disenfranchised are attended as brothers and sisters; when immigrants and refugees are not left to drown or incarcerated but are welcomed as the children of God. Resurrection happens when enemies sit down together to talk instead of planning the other's demise. Resurrection is happening all around us; let us venture out of our locked doors and celebrate. Jesus, our Lord and our God, lives!

For the church, that the Spirit may open our minds so that we may understand the Good News and share the message of hope with all whom we encounter... We pray...

Sacraments that were to take place in the Easter season have not been forgotten. Once places of worship are moved into the "red" zone and we can safely accommodate everyone, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will take place for all children who have been preparing this year.

PROVIDE-A-MEAL CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge – Group "B" casseroles will be collected **NEXT SATURDAY, April 17th**. If you need a pan/lid, please contact yvonne.gray@bell.net

We are grateful to our casserole chefs for continuing their dedication to feed the hungry.

Thank you to Yvonne and her helpers who have been accepting casseroles in the parking lot for the past several months, allowing us to continue with this important ministry.

The pandemic has only increased these needs. If you would like information on the program and how simple it is to help, please call or email us. You contribute one casserole every other month, we supply the pan and recipe and TEN hungry individuals are fed by your generosity!

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