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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.

FALL OFFICE HOURS

By appointment.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, December 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Fish

Requested by Marilyn Fish

Wednesday, December 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Fish

Requested by Marilyn Fish

Thursday, December 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Dae Hyun Chung

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

Friday, December 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Ford & Ashmeade Families

Requested by Barbara Ford



NOTICE

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass attendance will be **by reservation** this year as we remain limited for space indoors.

Please call 416-485-1792 or email office@stanselmschurch.com by **December 14th** to reserve, letting us know how many people and for which date/time. Depending on reservations, a block of tickets for each Mass will then be made available on Eventbrite the week before Christmas. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate those without a reservation (walk-ins) for Mass on these two dates.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th (Christmas Eve):

4:00pm or 7:00pm

December 25th (Christmas Day):

9:00am or 11:00am

Please note: there will be NO 8:15am morning Mass on December 24th and NO 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25th.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please take a moment to ensure your contact information with the parish office is up-to-date including mailing address, phone number and current email address. This is especially important as we approach tax receipt time.

2022 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

As the bulletin was sent to print, we were still awaiting delivery of our 2022 boxed sets and PAG bundles. The shipment is on the way but experiencing delays. Once they arrive, they will be available for pickup the following weekend. Thank you for your patience.

As 2021 draws to a close, we suggest that you write at least your surname on your current envelopes as we will have to reassign some numbers in 2022. Using your name for cash donations guarantees that your offering is credited to you and ensures proper receipting.

If you have any questions about donation envelopes, want to ensure that your number from a previous year is still assigned to you, or if you would prefer to not renew your envelopes and move to our pre-authorized giving program, please call the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation

Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021. Each reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. Likewise, it is hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada.



EcoAnselm

Friday, Dec. 17th is the first day of talks being held by Pope Francis with delegations of Metis, Inuit and First Nations persons from across Canada. On Friday 17th, following the 8:15 a.m. mass, a short prayer will be offered for the success of these talks. Regardless of in-person attendance, EcoAnselm invites ALL parishioners to join in prayer for the same intention. *May the Holy Spirit enlighten all present that they may guide us towards reconciliation and peace.*

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard (no appointment necessary) on Tuesday, December 14th from 9-10am and 3-4pm in the church. Please wear a mask.

Zeph 3:14-18

Isaiah 12

Shout aloud and sing for joy;

great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

The Wolves of Advent – A Parable



Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

A Native American patriarch who wished to provide for the happy futures of his grandchildren often shared with them the stories of their ancestors. Each story was a tale

within a tale; each held not only an entertaining piece of their shared heritage, but also a life lesson intended to cultivate wisdom. On one occasion, the grandparent told his eager young listeners that every person has two wolves inside of them who are engaged in an ongoing struggle. One is the wolf of justice, peace and loving kindness; the other is the wolf of hatred, fear and greed. "Which wolf will win?" asked the grandson of his elder. To that the grandfather replied, "Whichever one we feed."

During the season of Advent, those who affirm their desire to continue welcoming Christ into their lives are invited to face the wolves that dwell within and vie for the precious food of our energies and attention. Identifying these wolves and calling them by name is a good first step. Deciding which to feed will set the agenda for a lifelong struggle. The enthusiastic preaching of John the Baptizer in today's Lucan Gospel had caused many to question the quality of their lives and their readiness to welcome their Savior. Some had been feeding wolves of selfishness. Rather than share, they hoarded and overlooked the needs of the poor. Others had fed the wolves that worshipped wealth and had even sacrificed their ethics in an attempt to satisfy their growing appetites. Still others allowed the wolves of ambition and greed to lead them to lie, cheat and lord their power over the helpless. To their credit, those who heard John preach that day expressed their willingness to change and to do better. In answer to their responsiveness, John called forth their better selves to feed the wolves of mercy and compassion, of integrity and peace. These actions, John promised, would duly prepare sinners for welcoming the day of the Coming One.

Every Advent, as our attention to John and his message is renewed, each one of us is challenged to follow the lead of his eager contemporaries. Repeatedly they asked, "What should we do?" and repeatedly John explained how they could best prepare the way for welcoming Jesus. Gathered up into the ambience of anticipation set by our ancestors in the faith, we, too, are prompted to ask: "What should we do? Which wolves are we to feed, and which are we to put on a permanent diet?" With the passage of so many

centuries between Jesus' first and second advents, some of us may have fallen prey to the wolves of apathy and denial. Who among us actually lives with the eager expectation that Jesus' coming is imminent? Have we done anything differently this year to prepare him a welcome? If we were to prepare for the Lord with the same simple and joyful anticipation with which children throughout the world ready themselves for Santa Claus or St. Nicholas or Père Noël, how might that excitement enliven our hearts and fill our days and nights with longing?

Some of us have been feeding the wolves of procrastination, putting off until some distant tomorrow the preparedness with which we are to live each day. Others among us have been allowing the wolves of doubt and discouragement to eat away at our hope. We look at our world and see its ills as incurable. We wait, but without eagerness; we hope, but without conviction. We anticipate, but without enough faith to ignite our enthusiasm. As a remedy to the ravenous wolves that threaten our peace and rattle our faith, Zephaniah and Paul raise their powerful and prophetic voices with the reminder that the Lord is indeed in our midst, nearer to us than our own heartbeat. The presence of God in Word, in Spirit, in Sacrament and in community calls for great rejoicing. Are the problems and struggles of our own lives and of our world still frighteningly near? Of course! But God is nearer still and God's presence is deeper, fuller and pervasive. Our conviction of God's presence empowers us to be joyful with the very joy of God. Our trust in God's presence allows us to stop feeding the wolves of worry and anxiety and to look ahead with sure confidence to the day when every wolf will be content to live in the presence of the Lamb.

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent, also known as **Gaudete** (rejoice) **Sunday**. The pink candle on the wreath is lit today and the presider typically wears a pink or salmon-coloured vestment to remind us that the celebration is one of joy and gladness as we anticipate and prepare for Christ's coming again on the Last Day. The whole period of Advent reminds us that we must **Be Ready! Stay Awake!** Let us rejoice and be glad.

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish as we continue to operate under capacity limits at this time. **Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can request a box of donation envelopes, enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting [ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto \(archtoronto.org\)](#) and choosing "St. Anselm" from the drop-down menu of parishes. Cheques may be mailed or dropped off in the parish office mailbox at any time. Thank you for your support!*

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