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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, January 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa Loconte

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 19th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Thursday, January 20th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Loconte Family

Friday, January 21st, 8:15 a.m.

Vito and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25

The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church

920 Progress Avenue, Scarborough
on Sunday, January 23rd
at 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook:

facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is Rev. Archpriest Fr. Zareh Zargarian (Vicar of the Armenian Diocese of Canada and Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Toronto.)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

2022 PAG ENVELOPE BUNDLES

PAG envelope bundles arrived in the office much later than originally scheduled. The majority were mailed out over the Christmas holidays. We apologize for the delay. Please contact the office if you have yet to receive your bundle.

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 \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/donation) 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!

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

The parish office remains closed to the public at this time. Voicemail and email are being checked on a regular basis, as is the mailbox just outside the office door. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone or by email. We are limiting in-person appointments at this time.

As you have heard, the province has moved back to a modified "Step 2" in the roadmap to re-opening for the coming weeks. This does not change our current capacity restrictions and we will still be able to welcome parishioners on a first-come basis until we reach our capacity. Masks and distancing will still be in place. Congregational singing is not permitted and in-person group meetings will not take place until further notice.

If you are feeling unwell, we ask that you please stay home and take good care.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality

Toronto Catholic District School Board 2022 Kindergarten Registration

Toronto Catholic elementary schools offer programming for your child's spiritual, academic growth and future success. Kindergarten registration begins **January 19, 2022 at 10 a.m.** For more information, please visit: www.tcdsb.org/kindergarten

Isa 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11

Psalms 96 John 2:1-12

Listen and Be Transformed



A new season of the Church year is upon us. Yes, "Ordinary Time" has replaced the Christmas season. Last Sunday climaxed the stories of Jesus' birth, baptism and early life. Now it is time to hear about his work as a full adult, as the man

who was also God's Word. This is the content of Ordinary Time, in spite of the season's mundane name. How long will Ordinary Time last? It will include every Sunday that is not in the Advent/Christmas season, the Lent/Easter season, or any other special celebration. There are three years' worth of Ordinary Time Masses, with the clever names, A, B, and C. The three year cycle features the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's proclamation is sprinkled over the three years and is predominant during the Easter Season throughout the cycles. This church year, starting from the first Sunday of Advent, we are listening to the Gospel according to Luke.

Before we begin again with Luke, the Church is giving us a brief transition this Sunday, a preparation for hearing the narrative of Jesus' life according to Luke. Once again we listen to the Gospel according to John. This Sunday is meant to console us and raise our expectations concerning the Messiah who is now a man. In the first reading, Isaiah says he will not be quiet until Jerusalem is set free, till it "shines out like the dawn." He will keep preaching even though the land is "desolate" and the people are "forsaken," thirsting for hope and for good news. If you look around, that is us. So what exactly is Isaiah preaching? That God is going to give his people a new name. They will be called "My delight." Their land will be known by the name "Married.." The Lord will marry them and bring forth abundance from their lands. Isaiah is repeating the promise God had made in the midst of trouble, a promise that is irrevocable. "I will be your God and you will be my people." Do you hear it? It is repeated in John's Gospel in a much

different way. Just as the Father can change a forsaken people into ones that delight him, so Jesus is able to transform water into the very best wine—a symbol of making our lives into his delight. It is a wonderful image of people who are fresh out of hope and need to drink of the promise and its satisfaction. This is the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee, and the wine runs out. Only God in Jesus can supply the real thing. Mary says simply to Jesus, "They have no wine." In other words, the human race has no real life left in it. Jesus replies that it is not yet "his time." His public life has not yet begun. He will have to preach, heal, suffer, die and rise again. But Mary knows him too well. She says to the servants to 'do whatever he tells you.' Mary does not take seriously all the reasons why God's promise cannot be fulfilled at this time. She knows that people need the full, rich wine of life, which is love, and she trusts her son. This Sunday we begin to watch yet again as Jesus makes us into "his delight." Cana is the site of the first of the seven Johannine signs, each revealing something of the identity of Jesus while challenging those who witnessed the sign to believe in him. With each successive sign, the saving purpose of Jesus would also be further revealed and clarified. Yet while some accepted the challenge offered by the sign and believed that Jesus was the loving Bridegroom sent by God to love and save humankind, others did not. Jesus continues to be revealed through the signs of the sacraments and the Word and in the faces of God's least ones. In the Gospel, the Johannine Jesus reveals God's desire to relate to human beings by becoming one of us. In Jesus, God reaches out to each of us as a caring, compassionate brother whose involvement in every aspect of the human experience is astounding. In the flesh, he attended weddings; he cried at funerals; he walked and talked and shared the same table with people from every walk of life. He even drew so near to us that he offered his very self as food and his life so that our lives might be saved. Can you see him? Will you believe? Let us once more listen and be transformed.

For the grace of recognition, that we may quiet our hearts and minds so that we may perceive God's presence and invitations through the words of scripture and our daily experiences...We pray...

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