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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, February 1st, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Loconte Family

Wednesday, February 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Murphy Family
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, February 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

George Skinner
Requested by the Tangney Family

Friday, February 4th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Scott & Shea Family

2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts will be mailed out beginning this week. Receipts from the parish will reflect envelope and pre-authorized donations, plus special collections and ShareLife donations received at the parish. If you made donations online using a credit card, you will be issued a separate receipt from the Archdiocese. St. Vincent de Paul receipts will also arrive separately so please be sure to check your mail in the coming weeks.

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 will gradually ease restrictions as of January 31st. 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

VOCATIONS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

*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 \(archtoronto.org\)](http://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!*

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for you:

The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.

Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.

Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.

Reduction of cash on hand.

Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:21-13:13

Ps 71

Luke 4:21-30

Alleluia. The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.

Something to think about...



In today's readings we are presented with rich theological fare, where the loving lives of Jeremiah and Jesus are wrapped around Paul's celebration of the virtue of love. Paul's address to the Corinthians is quite beautiful and lyrical — he lifts his readers to the heights of idealism and takes their imaginations to that

perfect place where love endures to conquer all with its grace and generosity of spirit. Jeremiah and Jesus illustrate most poignantly through their lives that love not only sings and celebrates; love also answers God's call, despite the difficulty that will entail. In Jeremiah's case, love meant accepting the criticism that he was too young to speak and too unimportant to warrant the serious attention of others who thought themselves wiser and more experienced. Love for God and for God's word would lead Jeremiah to accept a mission he did not choose. Love would cause him to accept that the seductive power of the word was not to be silenced. Despite all the risks, Jeremiah was to speak the word of God so pointedly that his contemporaries would want to crush him. Through his great love for God, Jeremiah would know great suffering, but through it all he would also know the presence and deliverance of a loving God. Love for God and for God's people would also lead Jesus to persevere in proclaiming a Gospel that was often regarded as an unpopular challenge by unwilling listeners. Love led Jesus to suffer loneliness, rejection, personal injury and even death for the sake of the mission he had come to fulfill. In today's Gospel, love led Jesus to dare to proclaim the fulfillment of Isaiah's proclamation in his hometown synagogue. Love empowered him when he was confronted by people who allowed

their familiarity with him to breed contempt and would not accept him or his message. Love also motivated Jesus to reflect God's compassion for those who were not considered to be among God's chosen. Even a widow in Zarephath and a leper in Syria were loved by God, and love prompted Jesus to be similarly ecumenical and indiscriminate in his loving. As we listen to Paul's celebration of love and remember the loving witness of Jeremiah and Jesus, each one of us is challenged to examine the character and constancy of our own love. Very often, couples choose to express their own new love for one another by having Paul's lyrical celebration of love read at their wedding. Only later, however, will the happy couple learn that other verses to this song will be written as they live out their lives together. They will be called upon to prove that their promise to "bear all things, believe all things, hope all things and endure all things" is more than words, more than a feeling. Love is to be steady when circumstances become unstable, when jobs are lost, when home is robbed, when the future seems frighteningly insecure. Love is faithful despite the temptation to stray. Love is ready to forgive and makes valiant efforts at forgetting the hurtful aspects of life together. Love is a sure shelter against danger. Love is a rock to hold onto when the wedding vows about sickness and health, for richer and for poorer become everyday realities. Love holds out even when nest eggs are forced to hatch too soon. Love survives when old age claims looks and memory and fervor. Marital relationships are not the only opportunities for making real the lyrical love of Paul's hymn. We can apply these words to the love of parents for children, children for parents and friends and relatives for one another. Love is not a feeling but a matter of the will. Love is in the decisions we make, and the harder the decision, in spite of the feelings, the greater the love. Jeremiah knew this. Jesus and Paul knew this. How about you?

*For one another, that we may Hear God's call to us, courageously respond to it and share respond to it and share God's message in all of our words and deeds... **We pray...***

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