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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 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Vince Calonna Jr.

Requested by M.G. McCollam

Wednesday, February 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Leonard Chippior

Requested by the Madigan Family

Thursday, February 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Sylvia Sands

Requested by the Family

Friday, February 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are being mailed out 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 eased certain 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.

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

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

*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

Isa 6:1-2, 3-8

Psalms 138

1 Cor 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Here I am Lord, Send Me!



Have you ever read *Where's Waldo?* Originated in 1987 by British illustrator Martin Hanford, the character of "Waldo" has grown into a series of books offering readers a new opportunity to find the

elusive fellow on every page. In his full-page illustrations, Hanford produces collages of hundreds of people. In the colorful jumble, readers try to find a bespectacled, bobble-headed man dressed in a red-and-white-striped shirt with blue pants, carrying a walking stick. Because the backdrop against which he appears is always different, sometimes young and inexperienced eyes need help in their search. But Waldo is always the same, and discovering him is always a happy accomplishment.

In a sense, believers' search for the presence of God can be similarly challenging. Set against the vast and varied backdrop of the human condition, God's presence seems elusive at times, even indiscernible. Although believers may be intellectually convinced that God is present, it may still be difficult for them to satisfy their deep desire to experience God in a palpable manner. For this reason, God in all love and compassion has sent guides and mentors to move among us, to help us discern the face, touch and handiwork of God by pointing our searching eyes, minds and hearts in the right direction.

In today's sacred texts, we become acquainted yet again with some of these keen discerners of the workings of God. Although we call them by different names — prophet, disciple, evangelist, pastor — all are essentially believers whose privilege and responsibility it is to lead others to discover God. In describing their special service, Abraham Joshua Heschel once said the world is dark and human agony is excruciating, but the believer casts a light by which the heart is led into the thinking of God's mind (*The Prophets*, Hendrickson Publishers, Peabody, Mass.: 2001). Centuries before the late Rabbi Heschel, a 12th-century German abbess named Hildegard described these special souls as "those who see with the spirit's eyes. In illuminating darkness, they speak out. They are living, penetrating clarity. They are a blossom, blooming only on the shoot that is rooted in the flood of light."

Isaiah of Jerusalem blossomed and shed his light in eighth-century B.C.E. Judah at a time when a great

darkness was threatening their very existence. Politically, the southern kingdom of Judah was trying to stave off the aggression of the Assyrian armies that had already taken over the northern kingdom of Israel. Weak leadership in Judah sought alliances with other nations against their enemies, but Isaiah tried to keep the eyes of his people solely on God. When God seemed elusive, or deaf to their entreaties, Isaiah kept his focus.

Paul offered a similar service to the Corinthians and to all he had helped to discern the face of Jesus in the midst of so many other alluring figures. Over and against other attractions, Paul held out the truth of the Gospel and the power of Jesus to save. Today's second reading celebrates the *kerygma* — the proclamation of Jesus — and reminds all who search for meaning in their lives that unless that search leads them to Jesus, all their seeking is in vain. But for those who seek with eyes of faith and ears open in hope, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus will become a source of life, here and hereafter.

Featured in today's Gospel are Peter, James and John, who thought they had found their place in life as fishermen. No doubt Isaiah of Jerusalem had the same sense of himself as he served his people as high priest. Paul, too, had known security in his vocation as a Pharisee, with the responsibility to keep his community orthodox and free of heretical elements. But when the presence of God broadened their spiritual horizons, Isaiah and Paul, Peter, James and John realized that their life's search had only just begun.

Like those who must find the figure of Waldo in a new setting on every page, these heroes of our faith were called to discover the plan of God for them in ever new and evolving circumstances. Isaiah the priest would also be Isaiah the prophet; Paul the persecutor would become Paul the proclaimer of the Good News of Jesus; and Peter, James and John would help others to navigate the complexity of human experience and find the face of God in the words and works of Jesus Christ. We honour these heroes by continuing their mission. Now it is our turn to help others recognize the face of God. Are you ready? Can you join Isaiah in proclaiming "Here am I; send me!"

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