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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, March 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Brennan

Requested by Lucy Brennan

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

For the Intentions of Adelyn Oh

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

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

Jim Brennan

Requested by Lucy Brennan

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

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING "BUNDLE UP" WEEKEND

Our spring dates for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's "Bundle Up" are **April 23/24**. The truck will be in the church parking lot on those dates and will gratefully accept gently used clothing, shoes, bedding and linens. More information to follow.

Come and See - Day Retreat

Saturday, March 19 (9:00am – 3:30pm)



St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeandSeeMarch2022>

VOCATIONS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

As of March 1st, we are able to welcome parishioners without capacity restrictions. Masks must still be worn for the duration of the time spent inside the church.

REMINDER – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget – clocks go forward one hour at 2:00am

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13th.

UKRAINE – HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires.

Pope Francis has called on the faithful to make Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. On that day – and the days that follow – a donation to help Ukrainians who are suffering due to this war would be a most appreciated gift.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible.

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

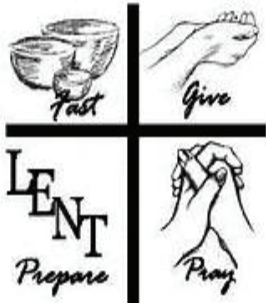
Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Anselm – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Deut 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13

Psalm 91 Luke 4:1-13

Beginning - Again



In her children's classic *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Margery Williams chronicled the story of a stuffed rabbit and the boy who received it as a Christmas gift (Avon Books, New York: 1922). At first, the simple toy was snubbed by the other, more expensive and sophisticated mechanical toys that flaunted

their complexity and regarded themselves as real. Longing to be real, the velveteen rabbit asked the other toys how this might be achieved. The car hinted that being expensive made it real; it was, in its own words, "numero uno." "I'm king of the jungle," bragged the mechanical mouse, implying that might and authority made it real. When the rabbit asked, "Does real mean having things that buzz inside you and a handle that sticks out?" the Skin Horse replied,

"Real isn't how you are made. It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but *really* loves you, then you become real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are real, you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are real, most of your hair has been loved off and your eyes drop out and you get loose in your joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are real, you can't be ugly except to people who don't understand."

With the beginning of yet another Lenten season, the praying assembly, gathered around the sacred texts and nourished by the food of bread and word, is once again invited — collectively and individually — to get real. Becoming real is a lifelong process. It means that we have attained authenticity, that our thoughts and words and actions are truthfully integrated. Our yes is yes; our no is no. What we confess with our mouth is consistent with the manner in which we live our lives. We don't send mixed messages because there is no dichotomy between saying and doing, thinking and being, believing and confessing. Saying what we mean

and meaning what we say is key to becoming real. So is the willingness to accept that all who confess the same Lord become related to one another as brothers and sisters. Those who persevere in the process of becoming real will have to work daily at cleansing their hearts and actions of prejudice and discrimination, as well as the apathy that allows such injustice to go unchecked. Becoming real will require each of us to stand and listen as Moses tells the story of who we are as a people. As we remember our ancestors in faith and their experiences, both good and bad, we are urged to be similarly truthful about our own lives. We speak our own story before God and our sisters and brothers in the faith, and we are challenged to acknowledge the good that we have done and the good we have failed to do. We take our cue from the Lucan Jesus. Becoming real will mean that we admit our weakness and vulnerability and offer these to God, who will grace us with the strength to face every temptation. Becoming real will also require us to be honest about our sharp edges, our excessive sensitivity and fragility and our desire to be carefully kept. Recalling the wisdom of *The Velveteen Rabbit's* Skin Horse, believers should be prepared for the consequences of becoming real. We must be willing to let our hair be loved off through dedicated service, to accept that our joints may get loose; we may take on a shabby look when we attend more to the needs of others than to our own. Even though it hurts to become fully who we are called by God to be, it is important for us to make a new beginning. The process of becoming real doesn't happen all at once. What better time to start than now?

Something to pray about...

Trust. Trouble. Temptation. The Israelites remembered and trusted in God's constant, guiding presence and gave back to God the first fruits of the land. The psalmist today trusted God would be present in times of trouble. Jesus survived temptation in the desert only by trusting in God. In whom or in what do we place our trust when we are troubled and tempted?

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. 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) 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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