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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, May 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa Loconte

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, May 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Anton Melchers

Requested by St. Anselm St. Vincent de Paul Members

Thursday, May 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, May 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

WE NEED YOUR HELP

St. Vincent de Paul in our parish is actively recruiting for new members.

Vincetians would be more than happy to answer any questions that prospective members may have regarding the ministry and their activities. Should you wish to explore the call to assist those in need through service with St. Vincent de Paul, please contact the parish office at any time. We would be pleased to put you in touch with Vincetians in our parish who can provide you with information.

Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective

On **Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.**, the Archdiocese of Toronto will host an election debate where representatives from the major political parties will discuss issues that matter to Catholics across Ontario. The debate will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube and Facebook accounts (@archtoronto), and it will be broadcasted on Salt+Light TV. This evening will include Cardinal Collins sharing his thoughts on the election. More than 12,000 people viewed the archdiocese's 2019 federal election debate, so we hope you will join many other Catholics in sharing your thoughts using the hashtag #CatholicVote2022.

Please remember to vote in the provincial election on **June 2**.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION MAY 21-22

Next weekend, there will be a collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed onto the Holy Father so the Church can provide an immediate humanitarian response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

We continue to collect contributions to assist with the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. You may donate through the parish with a cheque made payable to "St. Anselm – Ukraine Humanitarian Relief or securely online at any time by visiting www.archtoronto.org Thank you!

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE - CASSEROLES

Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected **NEXT Saturday, May 21st** from 4:00 – 5:00pm in the church parking lot. As this is the long weekend, please feel free to make arrangements for an early drop off if you will be away.

Please email yvonne.gray@bell.net if you need a pan for the month.

If you are interested in joining the parish casserole program, we always welcome new chefs! We provide the recipe, pan and lid. You prepare and freeze 6 casseroles (one every other month by surname) and deliver to the parking lot on casserole weekend. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Acts 14:21b-27

Psalm 145

I will bless your name forever, my King and my God.

Love One Another

Rev 21:1-5a

John 13:1, 31-33, 34-35



Throughout our lectionary years, we have heard from Matthew, Mark and Luke when each of these synoptic writers has reported on Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandment. We think we know it! Essentially similar, each one of these writers bases their teachings on two of the Hebrew Scriptures Deut

6:5, which translates to " You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul

and with all your mind and with all your strength” and Lev 19:18b, “ You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Jesus did indeed issue these two mandates to his disciples and at the same time insisted that they were of equal importance for his followers. This challenge continues to call forth the very best from his followers right into the 21st century – not only occasionally, but on a daily basis. It is important for us to see that the Johannine Jesus as proclaimed in today’s gospel has made an even greater demand upon believers by requiring that our love for one another should be “just as I have loved you.” (John 13:34). What is this saying to us that we have not heard before? What has it been saying to believers since it was stated so many centuries ago? It is nothing short of a command to love as Jesus loves, without question, without condition, without limit; it demands that we share and bear the burdens of another even unto death so that they might live. This challenge, this demand, is unequivocal; Jesus calls those who would be disciples to an almost impossible way of living and loving. Nevertheless, it is not an invitation. It is a command! This love is not doled out based on merit. It is not a quid pro quo. It is self-giving, over and above the demands of pure human ethics. This kind of love impelled Jesus to take on our flesh, to be born as we are born, to thirst, to hunger, and to grow weary as we do. This love moved Jesus to respond with compassion to a hungry crowd and to take action to feed their hunger in mind and in body. Because of his love, Jesus wept with two sisters over a dead brother as well as over a city that refused his love. This love caused Jesus to spend himself for the bedeviled and the bewildered as well as for the belligerent, the poor, the outcast and the marginalized. What does the command of Jesus call us to do? How do we love as he has loved and continues to love?

And yet we have seen this love in action. Throughout the centuries, some have had the courage and conviction to love as Jesus loved. These examples stand out for us as they have done what most of us find to be impractical and, I venture to say, impossible to accomplish. Look at Paul and Barnabas from today’s reading from Acts. Their love led them to reach out to others who had not yet learned or experienced that love.

The second reading from Revelation finds us with John, the Seer, who reassured his readers that such a love will eventually lead to union with God – forever. What about Albert Schweitzer, Mother Teresa, Maximillian Kolbe, Dorothy Day, Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Oscar Romero? These are women and men from our most recent history and this list is certainly not complete. We tell their stories again and again and, while we admire their fortitude and courage and love, most of us find their example beyond our ken and certainly beyond our own accomplishments. Such a love eludes us and could prove to cost too much! It almost seems unreal and, when we believe that, then we can fail to even try. We must, then, turn to those who find no barrier in attempting the impossible and practicing the impractical. Oscar Romero was convinced of the profound involvement of God in the human condition. He insisted that ours is not a ‘sky God’ - who watches from a distance or a ‘pocket God’ who can be manipulated to sanction the greed and savagery of those in power. Ours is a God who lives deeply within the blood and guts of everyday life, a divinity within whose reign of love compassion and peace will ultimately prevail if only...and this is where we must come in. We can, indeed, love others as Jesus has and continues to love us – not because we have achieved a level of virtue that makes it so, but because we have deliberately surrendered ourselves to the living, loving, blood and guts God who chooses to dwell within us. This God loved us through Jesus: now it is our turn to let God live and love in and through us. Only with God, only because of the divinity within, can we keep Jesus’ mandate and its astounding demand:

“ Love one another just as I have loved you.”

*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 \(archtoronto.org\)](#) 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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