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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 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa Loconte

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, May 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Larry Frutkin

Requested by the Morton Family

Thursday, May 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, May 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa Loconte

Requested by the Family

Congratulations

...to the youth in our parish who received their First Eucharist over the past two weeks, and to those who have prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in June. Your parish community is thrilled for you!

ONTARIO ELECTION IS ON JUNE 2nd **RESOURCES**

Though the election debate scheduled for May 18th was cancelled, the Archdiocese still has resources available to Ontario Catholics searching for a better understanding of the issues and parties.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/election and please remember to vote on June 2nd or use the opportunity to vote early as outlined on your voter card.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE - CASSEROLES

Group "A" casseroles are due this weekend and will be collected on Saturday evening (May 21) from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. If you are not able to drop your casserole off this weekend, you can make arrangements to drop it off Tuesday or Wednesday by calling the parish office.

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.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION

This weekend, there is 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. Those with boxed sets of envelopes or PAG bundles will find an envelope in their set. There are also envelopes available on the glass tables in the church.

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!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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

Vincentians 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 Vincentians in our parish who can provide you with information.

Acts 15:1-2

Ps 67

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29

Learning from our past – A Reflection



If you wanted to name the three most important events of your life, how would you go about choosing them? Your birth is an obvious first. But after that, what criteria would you use to select the others? Most of us would probably pick major transition points, choices that, as Robert Frost wrote, seemed to make all the difference.

In 1979, Karl Rahner, one of the most renowned theologians of the 20th century, described what he saw as the three pivotal stages in the history of the Catholic Church. The first, primitive Jewish Christianity, encompassed the short period of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the primitive Jewish-Christian movement. At this stage, Christianity existed within its own cultural

reality as a movement within Judaism. In today's first reading, we hear about the struggle to grow into the second stage in which Christianity became open to the then-known world.

In Acts 15, Luke gives us only the vaguest of hints about the passion and drama involved in the disciples' arguments about what should be required of Gentile converts to Christianity. Luke summarizes the crux of the discussion by saying that some outsiders were teaching converts in Greek territory that "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." That position attacked the heart of Paul's preaching of the faith. For Paul, Christianity was built on faith in Christ expressed through love, nothing else. (Galatians 5:6) Anyone who required obedience to the old religious law had fallen from grace and was presuming to earn the salvation that was a free gift. The Jewish Christians who held to the law felt that they were being true to thousands of years of their tradition as the chosen people. When they heard Paul claim that circumcision counted for nothing in Christ, they must have thought he was a lawless, liberal heretic. This internal conflict had the potential to deal a fatal blow to the newly growing Christian community. To resolve the impasse, the Greek community sent Paul and some companions to discuss it with the leaders of the church in Jerusalem. Luke says, "no small dissension and debate" took place. In other words, there was some very heated discussion. Since Jesus left no instructions on the matter, they had to listen to one another and seek God's will by listening and sifting vastly different points of view. At one point, Peter, who had not always been the most courageous of witnesses, reminded them of his experience that Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit just as the Jewish Christians had. Peter concluded, saying that God "made no distinction between us and them, for by faith he purified their hearts" (Acts 15:9). Others gave similar testimonies. Paul spoke of the holiness of the Gentiles, and James reminded the community that Israel's vocation was to bring all of humanity to God. Luke doesn't tell us whether they met for an afternoon or for a week or more. All he tells us is that they aired their disagreements fully and struggled to discern the will of God together. In the end, they concluded that circumcision was not necessary. In other words, Paul's converts did not

have to become Jews to be Christians, nor did the Jerusalem community have to abandon their synagogues and traditional prayer. As Karl Rahner put it, "Christianity ... was not the export" of Judaism but a faith, "which, for all its relationship to the historical Jesus, still grew on the soil of paganism."

This is crucial because without that decision, Christianity would have probably remained a small sect of Judaism, centred around Jerusalem. Instead, missionary disciples assumed the freedom to move through the known world and adapt to a much wider cultural reality — that which gave birth to Western Civilization.

According to Karl Rahner, the third pivotal moment for the church was the Second Vatican Council, when the bishops who met were natives of the entire world. For Rahner, Vatican II, like the Jerusalem Council, offered the church, which had been Euro-centric, the opportunity to become genuinely catholic, meaning universal. Whereas the Jerusalem Council allowed the church to become incarnate in the western world, Vatican II had the potential to open the church to become incarnate in the diversity of all the world's cultures. What does this mean to us? The disciples' conflict can sound very familiar as we struggle over how our church and society are being called to adapt and change as technology shrinks distance, and travel and immigration bring diverse cultures into living contact with one another. If Paul and Karl Rahner are right, we are living in a moment of extraordinary grace and opportunity. Our debates may be fierce, but we need to trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us if we are open. The road we choose makes all the difference as we continue to struggle with implementation of the principles so prayerfully discerned in Vatican II. .

*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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