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

Maria Lolli

Requested by Sam De Meo

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

Deceased Members of the D'Alessandro Family

Requested by the Family

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

Janny Liu

Requested by Grace Leung and Jean Yang

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

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023 – October 4 to January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

2023 SUNDAY MISSALS

2023 Sunday Missals will be available for \$5 each on a first-come basis in the Millwood lobby before all Masses on November 19/20 and November 26/27. Exact change of \$5 per Missal would be appreciated.



November is the month of the Holy Souls. Our Book of Remembrance is available to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge Provide-A-Meal program will be collected on **Saturday, November 19th** from 4:00-5:00pm in the church parking lot. Thank you to our casserole chefs and volunteers for your continued efforts to support this important parish ministry!

Should you wish to join the casserole program, please let us know. We provide the pan and simple recipe, and you produce 6 nutritious casseroles (one every other month) that will feed TEN hungry individuals each! Please call 416-485-1792 or email yvonne.gray@bell.net

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/>

For further information, call the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 561/519 or email at development@archtoronto.org

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS 2022

Please watch for information regarding our St. Vincent de Paul Christmas activities, coming in future bulletins.

This year, our parish will be supporting the **Angel Tree and Family to Family programs**. More information to follow...

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

There will be a collection for The Shepherds' Trust next weekend. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 7, 9-14

Psalm 17

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3.5

Luke 20:27-38

The God of the Living...



The scenario in today's Gospel reading of the seven brothers each in turn taking the same bride seems far-fetched. Indeed, it was a very contrived story in Jesus' time, too. The sole purpose of the Sadducees in making up this story was to trap Jesus. They had just tried to catch him up with the question of giving tribute to Caesar. Jesus eluded the trap and left them speechless. The Sadducees did not accept resurrection in an afterlife. They tried to get Jesus to say that there was no resurrection because this woman would have seven husbands and that was against the law and couldn't be allowed by God in the afterlife. Of course, Jesus saw through their scheme. In his response, Jesus gives an insight into what resurrected life is about. It is not giving and taking in marriage. It is not about limitation or dying. Resurrected life is about "being alive." Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had all gone before. But God is their God even now. God is their God in this life and in the life-to-come.

The first reading from the Second Book of Maccabees tells the story of a mother and seven sons who willingly suffered and died because of their trust in resurrected life in God. In that passage, when you read it in its entirety, the mother says eloquently, "...the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws." "The Creator of the world... who devised the origin of all things..." – gives us the context. As Jesus said, "God...is not God of the dead but of the living, for to him all are alive." From the moment of creation, all are alive in God. All are called to remain alive in God. In just a few weeks, we will come to the conclusion of the Church year. Today's readings may also call to our minds the conclusion of our own years on this earth. They remind us of the unlimited mercy God has for us in this life and that comes to fruition in life with God forever. The hope we have for eternal life in Jesus Christ is not a "pie in the sky when you die" kind of thing. It's not a "just

tough it out here because there will be a big reward in the end." No, we have God's accompaniment in Christ all the way through this life, not just at life's completion. We are assured of this through our baptism into Christ.

Because we are human and limited, we may not always have a "sense" of the presence of God as we go through life. We may even experience something of a "dark night of the soul." That doesn't mean that God is not with us and in us. Even Jesus Christ at the end of his earthly life called out, "Father, why have you abandoned me?" In those times, like the mother and sons in the Second Book of Maccabees, we hang on, trusting in the mercy of God. Since Christ's coming among us, we now see in him the mercy of God and have firm hope for our continuing life forever in God – with the assurance of his accompaniment all along the way.

For the gift of Wisdom, that God may give us insight and understanding through our daily experiences so that we may value those things which will sustain us into eternal life....We pray...

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can 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://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!*

WORTH BREATING REPEATING

As we head in into the colder winter months, please be reminded that the heat in the church will make strong scents/perfumes even more unbearable for those with breathing issues. Please, wherever possible, refrain from using heavily scented lotions/scented products at Mass. Thank you!

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