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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

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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, December 13th, 8:15 a.m.

John and Rosa Paglialunga
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Sylvia Sands
Requested by the Family

Thursday, December 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Dae Hyun Chung
Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

Friday, December 16th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm



Green-Christmas "Gift-Giving"

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little."
- Pope Francis

Give your family and friends the essential gift of a sustainable future.

Consider drawing names; encourage a "one gift" appreciation.

Make by hand & give from the heart.
Be creative; have fun; think *GREEN.

Give an activity to share: a nature walk, a seasonal outing, a shared cooking session, a dance lesson ...

Prepare thoughtful coupons that your recipient can claim for tasks, errands, or any kind deed she or he would value. Give gifts of practical or monetary support for a charity that holds significance for your recipient.

Shop locally; purchase locally-made and/or locally-sourced goods. Support Canadian artisans & crafts persons.

Choose organic materials & support fair-trade products and practices.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

It is always recommended that we go to confession before celebrating the important Feast days of the Church. The Archdioceses of Toronto has designated the week of December 11 – 17 and each Catholic Church in the area has a special day for Confessions. At St. Anselm's, our Day of Confessions is **Friday, December 16th**. The times are as follows:

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

For neighbouring churches and alternate times, visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/confession>

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

This is a reminder that the Angel Tree toys and Family to Family contributions are due this weekend (December 11th) so that the volunteers may prepare and deliver the toys to the children, and food gift cards to the families. If you have selected an angel but haven't brought in your gift, please let the parish office know as soon as possible so that no child is left without a gift.

Thank you for your generous support of these Christmas initiatives. Your response as a parish community has been truly overwhelming!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**No reservations required*

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th

Mass

4:00 p.m.

Christmas Carols

6:30 p.m.

Mass

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

Mass

9:00 a.m.

Mass

11:00 a.m.

Isa 35:1-6, 10

Psalm 146

James 5:7-10

Matt 11:2-11

“The Vision of Hope”



**Third Sunday
of Advent**

As we move together through the season of Advent, we are repeatedly regaled with the good news of the coming of our God.

The authors of the sacred texts are of one heart and one mind and inspired by the one Spirit of God. They have used their many and varied talents

to keep before us both the story

and the visions that surround this event. As we celebrate the God who came and who will come again, their visions stir in us a hope that enables us to persevere until every good vision is realized. A common thread running through all the visions of Christ's coming is the belief that all things will become different; all will be marked by a transformation that is rooted in the power of the coming Christ. But Jesus' transformative power will not sustain us in battle until victory over the enemy is won. Christ will not come to rearrange the political hierarchy of worldly powers; nor does he come to mete out revenge for every wrong done to a believer, as some traditions have alleged. Those who await his appearance with clenched teeth and a desire for retribution will be sorely disappointed. But those who are willing allow the visions of Advent to run their course to fulfillment and they will find that Jesus will come as a healer to make whole and holy the brokenness of every human person. In today's first reading, Isaiah describes the healing of the messianic era in terms that stir our hearts. Imagine the joy of the blind recovering their sight, the deaf hearing, the lame leaping like stags and the mute being able to make themselves heard and understood. Imagine, as well, the feeble finding their strength and the fearful being able to free themselves of all that renders them unable to act, to know peace — to have, as they say, a life! Like a joyful echo, the responsorial psalm affirms Isaiah's vision and, with it, anticipates the Matthean evangelist's description of the ministry of Jesus. "How shall we know the Savior?" asks John the Baptizer. Jesus' response directs him to look to where he sees God's healing power at work. Know that you have found the One who comes! Readers of both testaments are invited to recognize that these acts of healing testify to God's care for the human body and the well-being of the whole person. The Hebrew authors insisted that the whole of creation is good, including human beings. When Jesus came with healing in his hands to restore the holiness of humanity, he began by taking on a body. In his capacity as a man, he was able to touch and heal the bodies of others. We present ourselves to the

coming Christ this day, this week, and we offer our brokenness — whether of body, mind or spirit — to be made whole. We present to him our illnesses, our struggles, our pain and our frequent inability to cope with life as it is. We offer the memories that haunt us and wrack us with guilt. We give over to his power all of our broken and strained relationships. We relinquish our grudges, our vengeance, our desire to punish. Here, in this sacred place where the bread of the word and the bread of his body feed us, we begin to heal. But this is only one aspect of the healing power of Advent. Healing, like disease, can be contagious if we who are being healed can allow this transforming grace of God within us to reach out and touch others who need to be healed. Whether the suffering of these people is self-induced or the result of the failures of an imperfect culture in an imperfect world; whether they are victims of the greed or apathy of others or of natural disasters; whether we ourselves have caused them harm or pain or not — we can reach out with healing in our hands, in our hearts and in our voices. In reaching out, we participate in the redemptive and liberating mission of Jesus. In our effort to heal others with words and works that comfort and encourage, we are attentive to and relevant to the world in which we live. In our reaching out, we stir the hope that should characterize all of our waiting and working as we prepare for the coming Christ. Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say Rejoice!

Did you know?

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete” Sunday. This Latin word translates as ‘rejoice.’ It is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for today’s Mass – “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice. The Lord is near. The presider wears rose-coloured vestments and the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to signify our joy in all that the birth of our Saviour means to us and the joy in knowing that Christ will come again. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing near when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead us into His kingdom. Our whole Advent journey calls us to stay awake, to be prepared, to be the people of peace, joy, hope and love.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Group B casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge “Provide a Meal” program will be collected **NEXT Saturday, December 17th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Thank you to our parish casserole chefs for another year of providing hot, nutritious meals for the less fortunate. Thank you to Yvonne and her helpers for collecting the casseroles come rain or shine!

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